



# Hoddle is dismissed for 'serious error'

By Michael Harvey and Adrian Lee

GLENN HODDLE was sacked as England's football coach last night after 36 hours of frantic discussions over his suggestion that the disabled were paying for the sins of a previous life.

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The FA told Hoddle that he had damaged himself and his employers by his remarks in an interview with The Times, and that his position had become untenable.

Hoddle later admitted that he had made a serious error of pain to a number of people, for vhich he apologised.

The end came at 6.54pm when David Davies, the FA's acting chief executive and once Hoddle's staunchest ally, read a statement saying: "With reret, the FA and Glenn Hoddie have today agreed to terminate Glenn's contract.

"After more than 24 hours of meetings and discussions it became apparent to all those concerned that this was the right lecision for En in lootdal

The position had become increasingly untenable for both the FA and for Glenn. He accepts he has made a serious error of judgment and, of course,

The past few days have been painful for everyone involved, but that is as nothing compared to any offence that may have been caused to disabled people in our community and in our country. We accept this wasn't Glenn's intention.

unquestionable. though, that the controversy over whatever was or wasn't said had damaged both Glenn and his employers. The FA has rightly considered all the options over recent hours. Glenn has served the England team with dedication and with loyalty. But eventually all parties agreed that this was the

correct way forward." There was a moment of farce when two men, shouting obscenities, interrupted the reading of the statement before being wrestled to the ground by security guards. One, who said he had disabled relatives, said later: "Glenn

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Hoddle leaving his agent's house in London yesterday

Leading article Matt Dickinson

Hoddle deserves everything he got. He was completely out of order. Glenn Hoddle is a disgrace to English football."

Hoddle later read out a statement saying: "I accept that I made a serious ettor of Ji ment in an interview which caused misunderstanding and pain to a number of people. and for this I apologise.

"My sincere thanks for the support from loved ones, famifriends and media colleagues who have worked with me over the past few days to try and establish the truth. "My personal thanks go to all my staff, colleagues and in

"Off the record I'd like to talk to you about my football beliefs" particular the players, with whom I have worked over the past two years. I thank them deeply. My best wishes go to Howard Wilkinson and John Gorman, who take over for the match against France at Wernbley this month."
The FA's decision was wel-

comed by politicians and representatives of the disabled. Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, described the sacking as "a personal tragedy" for Hoddle, but said it was the correct decision. "He is a decent man but his views caused distress to many disabled sportsmen and women." Freda Murray. chairwoman\_of the Disabled Supporters Association, said: "He hurt not just disabled people but their carers and families."

But Hoddle's faith healer, Eileen Drewery complained that he had been hounded from his job. She said: "It has been a complete witchhunt. There is no way, knowing the man I do, that he would ever

Hoddle had fought doggedto save his £350,000-a-year job. He spoke at length to the BBC, ITN and Sky, and yestermorning his agent was still insisting that he was the best man for the job. But despite all denials and claims that he had been misinterpreted. Hoddle was undone by 71 words that he made no attempt to explain or clarify.

In his interview, he had said: "You and I have been physically given two hands and two legs and half-decent brains. Some people have not been born like that for a reason. The karma is working from another lifetime. I have nothing to hide about that. It is not only people with disabilities. What you sow you have to reap. You have to look at things that happened in your life and ask why? It comes

Peter Stothard, editor of The Times, said last night: "It is the right decision by the FA. Both what Hoddle said and the way in which he tried to pretend that he hadn't said it made his

40, said: "Obviously we are all

very sad for Glenn, especially

as he has got to face it all in the

Anne, Zara's mother, said the girl had been taken aback

by the interest shown in her let-

ter by the press.

She said: "I don't think she

realised how much interest

this would attract. She just

wanted to show some support

for her Dad, that's all."

glare of publicity."

# Zara speaks up for her Dad

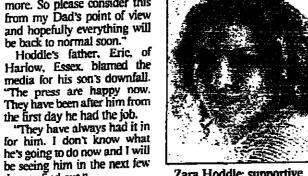
By A CORRESPONDENT Hoddle's former wife, Anne.

THE teenage daughter of Glenn Hoddle yesterday pleaded for an end to the "hassle" so that things could get back to normal.

Zara Hoddle, 13, wrote to BBC's Ceefax saying: "I am very supportive of disabled people and so is my Dad. But I think this situation is the most pathetic reason for someone to maybe lose their job and to have so much hassle over.

"If you would just take the time to listen to what his explanation is, then maybe you would understand it a bit more. So please consider this from my Dad's point of view and hopefully everything will be back to normal soon."

Hoddle's father, Eric, of Harlow, Essex, blamed the media for his son's downfall. The press are happy now. They have been after him from the first day he had the job. "They have always had it in for him. I don't know what



Zara Hoddle: supportive



# Life for woman who killed for lust

By Russell Jenkins

THE amateur actress Jenny Cupit was jailed for life yesterbing to death her lover's wife.

The 24-year-old mother of two changed her plea on the fifth day of her trial at Chester Crown Court and admitted murdering Kathryn Linaker. a 33-year-old deputy headmistress, at her Cheshire home last April.

Cupit, who has a history of psychiatric and emotional turmoil, wept uncontrollably as Mr Justice Sachs told her that she was a serial liar who had killed a good woman out of lust for her husband and jealousy for her. And in a clear reference to the dead woman's husband, Chris Linaker, 35, who was sitting in the public gallery, the judge added that nobody could feel anything other than utter revulsion and disgust at the lifestyle of Cupit and her circle of friends.

Cupit had started a 14-month affair with Mr Linaker, a fellow member of Warrington's Centenary Operatic and Dramatic Society. and had urged him to leave his wife and two small children and run off with her to

The court was told that Cupit and Mr Linaker, who liked to videotape their activi-ties, had also invited his brother-in-law and her husband to join them for three-in-a-bed

sex sessions.

Mrs Linaker knew nothing of her husband's adultery when Cupit arrived at her home in Penketh and attacked her with a heavy vase, a small kirchen knife she had bought that morning from Asda and a carving knife she had fetched from the kitchen drawer. She

Nanny spared

jail over baby

was freed to return to Sydney

after a judge ruled that she

needed treatment for the men-

tal deficiencies that contribut-

ed to the death of Caroline

Jongen last April.......Page 9

Kosovo talks

The Kosovo Liberation Army

said that it would attend the

peace conference planned to

start in Rambouillet, outside

Paris, on Saturday, putting

pressure on Belgrade to fol-low suit. The KLA negotiators

will be named today...Page II

6 No one could fail to feel utter revulsion and disgust at your lifestyle and others of your circle

fore raising the alarm.

Cupit had originally denied murder but had pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. She changed her plea vesterday as the court was due to hear evidence of her psychological state.

Mr Justice Sachs told her: "I accept that you had problems in your life, although it is extremely difficult to believe all of what you say. In my view you are a serial liar. Your problems are no worse than hundreds of your fellow human beings who do not behave as

"No one hearing the evidence could fail to feel utter revulsion and disgust at your lifestyle and others of your social circle. You must face reality and not fanciful invention.

less and talented young woman of 33 years. The killing was obviously premeditated. It

was perpetrated in front of her four-month-old daughter. You left Kathryn Linaker's children without a mother and left your own children without a mother for at least a very, very long time.
"Like Kathryn Linaker.

these four children are totally innocent as to what you did. Their lives are irreversibly damaged. Goodness knows how they will react when they learn fully what you did on April 17 last year. What you did on that day was an absolute outrage. You killed a good woman out of lust for her hus-

band and jealousy for her." Earlier Adrian Fulford, QC, for the defence, had sought leniancy for an emotionally and psychiatrically damaged



Jenny Cupit is led from court after being jailed for life

### Byers pledge to help bankrupts start over Louise Sullivan, 27, the Australian nanny who shook a six-month-old baby to death.

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Trade and Industry Secretary. Stephen Byers, last night promised bankruptcy laws which were more "enterprise friendly", saying wealth creation was more important than wealth redistribution.

Mr Byers used his first main speech since he succeeded Peter Mandelson to argue that helping businesses was compatible with social justice. He announced a working group to look at changes making it easier for "responsible risk takers" whose businesses had failed to start up again. Speaking at the Lord Mayor's dinner at the Mansion House, Mr Byers said that current bankruptcy laws made no distinction between the risk taker who worked hard but was unsuccessful and "individuals who deliberately set out to cheat their creditors or abuse limited liability". It was impor-

tant to come down hard on

those who exploited the sys-

led into a dangerous relationship by an older man.

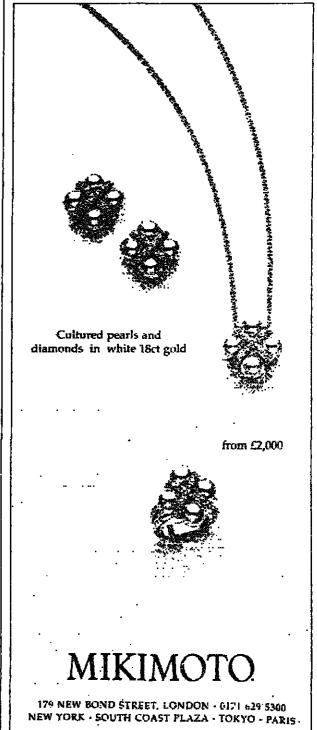
She had suffered a troubled nsychiatric history since the zariv 1990s. was dulimic and had made at least one suicide

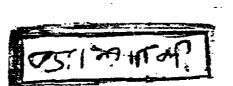
Mr Fulford also suggested that Mr Linaker should bear a heavy responsibility for what had happened. He knew she was a frightened and insecure young woman yet he had locked her into a highly dan-gerous relationship. "Disaster, but not necessarily this disaster, must have been foreseen on his part," Mr Fulford said. This defendant did truly

try to get away from this relationship. He, on the othe hand, never, ever took steps to persuade her to go away. Quite the contrary. He degraded her. He used her and he, to a very important extent, has brought this young woman to this sad pass."

Mr Linaker declined to comment as he left the court.

Jealous rival, page 3





# THE TIMES WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3 1999 notto of the hour id Betty. v Labour pen their their mons by stealth into "a daytime occupation" — ruling out those with outside intermed their those with outside intermed. 'Least said, soonest mended' is Labour's motto of the hour

ynics may sneer that the Government's new presentation strategy means that ministers will only speak to us from Richard and Judy's sofa.

They are wrong. There will be statements in the House too — whenever there is nothing to say.

There was little to say about health yesterday, except on the Government's controversial public sector pay awards. On these, therefore, no state-

Instead, the Health Secretary. Frank Dobson, came to an uncontroversial scheme, they are the parliamentary fu-NHS Direct, about which there is no news, except that it proceeds.

phone service for citizens anxlous about their health. Presumably callers will be told to calm down, take a couple of aspirins and on no account bother a doctor. This was a curtain-raiser to

we might call it Government Direct. MPs will be offered a dispatch box aspirin. So you might as well get used to reports like this:

the string of soothing Com-

Frank Dobson described NHS Direct and told the House that the scheme was being introduced gradually and was going well. Alan Duncan. Tory spokes-

was a Tory idea, and welcomed it. David Hinchliffe (Lab. Wakefield) welcomed it twice. Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat spokesman, wel-

man, reminded MPs that it

comed it. Kali Mountford (Lab. Colne Valley) offered the Govern-



Stephen Dorrell (C. Charnwood) welcomed the news. Anne Begg (Lab. Aberdeen welcomed the news.

The Rev Martin Smyth (UUP, Beliast S) welcomed Kevin Barron (Lab, Rother Valley) praised the scheme,

offering it a warm welcome. John Bercow C. Bucking-Evan Harris (Lib Dem. Ox-

POLITICAL SKETCH ford W & Abingdon) congratulated the Government.

Phyllis Starkey (Lab. Milton Keynes SW) welcomed the But enough, Dobson himself said it all when, greeted by an "Ah!" from the opposi-

tion benches, he asked Madam Speaker whether she remembered ("as a lass") the doctor's instructions to "open your mouth and say 'Ah'".

"Too long ago," said Betty, sadly, Not so, Dr New Labour was asking MPs to open their mouths and say "Ah". And they did.

But at Points of Order, John Maples. Tory Defence spokesman, was disinclined to say "Ah". He protested that ministers now refuse to explain their travel expenses. Madam Speaker said there was nothing she could do.

Half an hour later, Sir Edward Heath, too, was declining to say Ah. Debating the Government's proposals for constitutional reform he accused Tony Blair of pursu-

those with outside interests. They wanted to create "a mass of stooges," grunted Sir Ed-ward. "They want to cast us

John Major agreed. He accused the Government of con-tempt for dissent. Half the week, now, he said, Parliament had become "derelict. powerless, pointless and empty". "Liberty needs protection

from democracy."
A leading member of Labour's awkward squad, Andrew Mackinlay (Thurrock) Under the Government's pro-posals, he asked, "how would you get loose cannons, the bloody-minded the awkward, the irritants" into an Upper

Chamber? You could the Mandelson brain whirr. "And out from under my feet." he thought. "I entirely agree," he told Mackinlay, the bloody-mind-ed should have their place in the Lords.

Lord Mackinlay of Thur-

**Farmers** 

attack

EU grant

cuts as

dishonest

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

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FARMERS' leaders yesterday

accused Brussels of mislead-

ing taxpayers with a claim

that planned cuts in European

farm subsidies would knock

up to £1.2 billion a year off

Franz Fischler, the Europe-

an Agriculture Commissioner,

made the claim in an address

to a thousand delegates attend-

ing the annual general meet-

ing of the National Farmers'

Herr Fischler said that the

y increase the total size of the

proposed reform would initial-

European Union's £28 billion

annual farm budget but

claimed that this would be a

price worth paying in the long

"Governments have to real-

ise that if they want a litter,

leaner, more competitive agri-

cultural sector, then it is going

to cost money," he said. "On the other hand, the reform will

bring a major overall econom-

ic gain both to farming and to

shown a potential saving of up

to £1.2 billion per annum by

the year 2005 if farm-gate pric-

es fall by the full percentage of the proposed reduction and if

15 and 30 per cent.

"Independent studies have

food prices in the shops.

Union in London.

# **Doctor wants** birth control given in school

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING gynaecologist was yesterday criticised after he suggested that techage girls he litted with a new device that will stop them having a baby for three years.

John Guillebaud, medical director of the Margaret Pyke Family Planning Centre in London, said the girls could be fitted with the device at the same time as they were given their rubella vaccination.

"In the future, and as a social policy, when you have an area with a huge rate of teenage pregnancies you could go into a school, obviously with the consent of the parents, and fit this device so that everybody would start out not being able to have a baby," he said.

The device is an Implanton, manufactured by the Dutch company Organon, which was given its European licence just before Christmas. It is a tiny rod, fitted under the skin of the arm, which secretes a hormone that prevents pregnancy. It can be removed if the woman decides she wants to become pregnant.

Professor Guillebaud said the fact that the device was "forgettable" made it ideal for tended not to remember to take the Pill and who did not

want to be fitted with a coil. Girls are given their German measles vaccination when they are around 12 or 13, and Professor Guillebaud said this could be an opportunity to fit

the Implanon rod. Alison Hadley, nanonal policy officer of the Brook Advisory Bureau, the main advisory bureau on sexual matters for teenagers, said: "This approach is open to eugenics. We don't want a scenario where girls are fitted with these things just because they have a

tendency to get pregnant.
"To do that would be disrespectful to them and it ignores the fact that these devices give no protection against sexuallytransmitted disease.

"The correct approach to this is to be open with the girls. discuss the question of sex properly with them and give them the fullest education on the subject. These devices should only be used after the fullest discussion with the girl. Young people need to take a positive attitude to sex, not a

negative or passive one. tive of the Family Planning Association, was also critical of Professor Guillebaud's ideas. "It is more a question of young women having the self-confi-

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dence to take control of their lives and make responsible decisions about relationships." she said. "Contraception has to be viewed within this broad-

er context." Valerie Riches, deputy director of the pressure group Family Youth Concern, said: "I think the whole idea is repugnant. It will give youngsters the go-ahead to engage in sexual intercourse at an even earlier age and will make them more vulnerable to exploitation. It will not protect them from sexually-transmitted diseases and could be very destructive to later relationships. I find the concept alarming."

Yvonne Stayt, of the pressure group Concern for Family and Womanhood said: "To have a hormone implanted into your daughters at the same time as a rubella jab seems absolutely abhorrent.

"It is very much more important that girls and boys are taught about not having sex outside marriage than how to have sex before they are even over the age of consent."

been a consistent advocate of new methods of contraception and has often been outsnoken. on the need to prevent young girls becoming pregnant.

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### Rival says Sarwar tried to buy lies

THE Labour MP Mohammed Sarwar offered to give a political rival £5.000 if he would swear a false statement before lawyers, a court was

told vesterday.

The MP held up five fingers as he tried to persuade Badar Islam to swear on oath that another candidate was to blame for voter registration irregular-ities, it was alleged at the High Court in Edinburgh.

Mr Islam said that the "angry" MP had made the offer after newspaper stories appeared a few weeks after the general election about campaign irregularities in Glasgow Govan

Mr Islam, who stood as an Independent Labour candidate, said that about two weeks earlier Mr Sarwar had told him "I will do something for you" if Mr Islam pulled

out of the campaign. Mr Sarwar, 46, of Glasgow, denies two charges of attempting to nervert the course of justice, fraud relating to the addition of four names on the electoral register, and understating election expenses.

Mr Islam. 49, a former professional cricketer and twicebankrupted businessman, said that Mr Sarwar first asked him to drop his independent campaign when they week before the election. At a second meeting, he said, Mr Sarwar again asked him to ease off electioneering. Mr Islam said that he felt he would



benefit if he did as Mr Sarwar asked, but instead stepped up his campaign. He said that after the election, Mr Sarwar persuaded him to make a false statement, to be used within the Labour Party, blaming the candidate Peter Paton for voter registration irregular-ities and saying that Mr Sar-

war had nothing to do with it. Mr Islam said in court that he did so because Mr Sarwar was the first Muslim MP, but soon after Mr Sarwar asked

him to swear a false affidavit before lawyers, which Mr Islam would not do.

At another airport meeting Mr Sarwar again tried to persuade Mr Islam, the court was told. Mr Islam said the MP held his palm up displaying five fingers. He said that war meant, he replied: "Five thousand I give you for a state ment." Mr Islam said: "I told him I didn't want the money.' The trial continues.



# Inmate seizes officer

By Paul WILKINSON

A MAN dubbed Britain's most dangerous prisoner was last night holding a prison of-ficer hostage inside a special unit for troublesome inmates. Charles Bronson, 45, an 18-stone body-builder, has spent 25 years in jail for violent offences: 21 of them have been in solitary confinement. During that time he has attacked 25 prison officers and

been involved in 10 sieges. The latest started on Monday afternoon in the close supervision centre in Hull prison. The unit, which accommodates up to 10 prisoners in separate cells, is one of four in England and Wales for controlling inmates with disrup-A Prison Service spokesman

Bronson: an 18-stone body builder

said yesterday that there was an "on-going" incident involving a prisoner and a member of staff in the Hull unit. "Staff are talking to the prisoner in an attempt to resolve the situation," he said. "The incident is confined to the CRC and the rest of the prison is calm and operating normally."

Bronson, who changed his name from Michael Peterson to that of the star of the Death Wish series of films, was origi-nally jailed in 1974 for eight years for firearms offences. His sentence has regularly been extended for violence, assault and kidnapping other inmates. He earned the nickname Cannibal after threatening to eat some of the prisoners he took captive during a seige in 1996 at Bellmarsh jail

South London. He has taken hostages twice before. In 1994 he briefly held Hull's deputy governor, Adrian Wallace, threatening to break his neck if his demands were not met; in 1993 he held a librarian captive for 14 hours.

they are passed on."
Under the current reform proposals, part of a wider over-haul of EU finances known as Agenda 2000, the minimum prices guaranteed to farmers for milk, cereals and beef would be slashed by between These are the prices of which the EU intervenes to buy up farm produce when

tem that has led to the creation of unwanted stockpiles of surplus food. The reforms are intended to eliminate surpluses by forcing farmers to sell their produce at world market Ben Gill, the NFU's president, said Herr Fischler's claims were "misleading and dishonest." because any gains from price cuts would be large-

market demand is weak, a sys-

ly absorbed by food processors and distributors before they reached the consumer. "The price cuts will not get beyond the farm-gate," he said "At best they might mean that 4. food prices in the shops would rise more slowly than they otherwise would have done."

# **Doctors** attack 'false' pay scale

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOCTORS' leaders yesterday is repeated all over the newsaccused the Government of "massaging" the figures on their new pay scales to give a misleading impression that they were carning far more than they actually are

The pay scales, published in The Times, were taken from the Health Department's press release on the settlement, which was worth 3.5 per cent for most doctors. The rates shown, however, were only for the very maximum rates that doctors in the different grades could earn and then only after being paid maximum overtime.

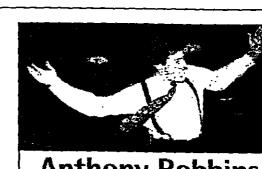
The rates given for the most junior house officer grade showed that they were earning £25,512 at present and that this would rise to 526,405 from nea April. In fact the basic salary rate for the grade is only \$16,145 at present and this will rise to £16.710.

Andrew Hobart, chairman of the British Medical Association's junior doctors' committee, said: "This munipulation of the figures is cynical and ex-ploitative. Junior doctors saw pay figures flashing up on to TV screens which they just did not recognise and the mistake awards.

papers."
The tables are based on the maximum earning figures for a 72-hour working week, but junior doctors only get paid half the normal hourly rate for working compulsory overtime at weekends, nights and on holidays. The tables for senior grades were also for the maximum possible rates. This put the consultant scale at fol.608, when the starting rate for the grade is \$47,345.

The BMA says that there are two reasons for the Government issuing only the maximum consultants level. Consultants at the top of the scale get an extra £500 which takes their award to 43 per cent. and the second is "they want to inflate consultant salaries for public relations purposes".

The new basic pay scales from April I are a minimum of El6.710 and a maximum of £18,860 for a house officer: £20,845-£27,845 senior house officer: £23,300-£25,265 registrars: £26,840-£33,965 senior registrar: £23,300-£33,965 specialist registrar: £47,345-£61.605 consultant: and £64,605-£73,925 for distinction



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# 'We simply cannot understand how any human being could do this to another'



Kathryn Linaker's twin sister Fiona and parents Sheila and Ken Pearson at a press conference yesterday

By Russell Jenkins

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THE parents of Kathryn Linaker spoke last night of their struggle to understand why their daughter was savagely murdered after she had apparently found happiness in her family and her career.

Mrs Linaker's father Ken Pearson, 65, and his wife Sheila, who live in Rainhill, Merseyside, spoke movingly of Kathryn, 33, shortly after they watched Jenny Cupit start a life sentence for her murder.

They described their daughter as a wonderful mother of Matthew, who was two years old, and Holly, only four months, when she was killed

Talented and beautiful, Mrs Linaker was combining motherhood with a blossoming career as a teacher and an author. She was hoping that her acting deputy headship at St James's Primary School, Haydock, would be confirmed. She had written resource information books for teachers and two series of work-books for

nursery children. Mr Pearson, who had followed every day of the trial from the public gallery, said: It [the trial] showed that Kathy was blameless and was, in fact, the innocent victim of

this whole tragic situation. "As far as Jenny Cupit is concerned, we simply cannot understand how any one human being could do this to another. and particularly someone who would want to help. We cer-

## Parents say they feel no hatred for their daughter's killer

THE FAMILY

do not feel hatred. We simply cannot relate to someone who behaves in this manner. Mr and Mrs Pearson and Kathryn's twin sister Fiona

are anxious not to upset the delicate family balance. They refuse to talk about Kathryn's husband Chris, who was exposed in court as a philanderng adulterer.

Mr Pearson said: "After the tragedy, Chris and the children went to live with his parents." They explained that Mrs Linaker had worked fulltime "and the pattern of child care was well established. Two days a week the children were with us, one day with Chris's parents, and two days in the

"Chris has endeavoured to maintain this. With love and affection, I am sure that he has helped them through this

Mrs Pearson said that they had felt compelled to attend the trial each day, despite having to steel themselves to the horror. "We had to know the truth so that we could both

ally hope perhaps to understand why it happened. Also. because we were not with Kathryn when she died, we wanted to reassure ourselves that she was unconscious for most of this vicious attack and she would not have been aware of

what was happening."

The family said that they wanted to convey Kathryn's



Kathryn Linaker on her

mother, a teacher, a musician and "as a person", which was why they had spoken publicly. Meanwhile, the family hope to take an active role in the children's upbringing. Matthew, said Mrs Pearson, is at a delightful and inquisitive age where he can take joy from simple things, like a trip to the library or to feed the ducks in the park. "All the things that children do," said Mrs Pearson, "It helped us over the last few months to be able to do that with him."

When Kathryn died, said Mr Pearson, the children at her school wrote many letters to them full of affection for their missing teacher.

"It would come out that she was always smiling, always happy, always prepared to play little games with them." said Mr Pearson. "She was just that kind of person."

Mrs Pearson said she would remember how her daughter would return from work, pop her head round the door and happily call out "hello". Matthew would come running to her and give her a big hug. Kathryn's twin sister Fiona

Gent. an accountant, said: "I mour. She had a knack of finding the funny side and she adored my children. She spent hours chasing them around the garden. She was just one of those people who could relate to adults and children.

"She was a beautiful wornan and a loving person. She will remain in the hearts of



Jenny Cupit, who yesterday admitted murdering Kathryn Linaker, is led away from Chester Crown Court

# Jealous rival finally took centre stage in tragedy

JENNY CUPIT always coveted one of the big parts in the shows put on by the Centenary Operatic and Dramatic Society.

She watched enviously from the chorus line in The Sound of Music, Camelot, Broadway Nights, The King and I and Annie as others took the applause. One of the leading actresses was Kathryn Linaker,

the wife of her lover. It was the beginning of a consuming jealousy that led to Mrs Linaker's murder in a ferocious assault

Like Cupit, Kathryn Linaker, 33, was a member of the circle whose social life re-volved around the the local drama society in Warrington, Cheshire, with its theatri-cal passions, crises and scandals. Outwardly, the two women, and their husoands, became a firm foursome. However, in social class and emotions, they were very different.

The drama group, which once featured Sporty Spice among its members, is a well respected society that was launched in the early 1900s by workers at the town's Crossfield factory. After rehearsals, the aspiring actors and actresses would relax and enjoy a drink at the nearby Bowling Green Hotel.

Cupit, a hairdresser, was insecure, obsessed about her appearance and desperare to be the centre of attention. She also had a dual personality: she could be bubbly, outgoing and the life and soul of the

### THE KILLER

party: at other times, and for long periods, she appeared moody, withdrawn and prone to irrational emotional outbursts. Whatever her mood, she liked to flutter around men, flirting with them outrageously.

Members of the dramatic society said she was always anxious to move to centre stage from her habitual place as a chorus line dancer. She once threw a tantrum when she failed to win a part.

Jenny Cupit was born Jennifer Lythgoe and grew up in modest circumstances in Warrington. She had an undistinguished academic record at Appleton High School. She was said to have been desperately upset by the break-up of her parents. Paul, a fire safety officer, and Sheila.

She was in her teens when she joined a dance troupe in Warrington run by Nick Cupit. She moved in with him and they already had an 11-month-old daughter, Laura, when they married at St Andrew's Church, Orford. She was 19.

They lived in a £40-a-week council house, struggling to make ends meet on Mr Cupit's modest salary as a computer sales administrator. She was trying to start up a mobile hairdressing business.

After the birth of their second child, the marriage foundered. Cupit later told po-

lice during interviews that her husband had wanted an "open marriage" so that each could pursue other relationships. He had urged her to go to clubs where they could meet like-minded couples.

Sally Alcock, Mrs Linaker ssister-in-law, said that society members thought of Cupit, 24, as a woman with deep-seated psychological problems. Barbara Cupit, her mother-in-law, said: "She was two peo-ple. She became a very different girl. I don't know her anymore."

Her moods worsened after the birth of her second baby, Benjamin, in June 1995, when she developed bulimia. She would faint during rehearsals, ensuring that she became the centre of attention.

When her jealousy finally overwhelmed her, Cupit ambushed Mrs Linaker at her home. In a rage, she beat her over the head with a vase. As the stricken woman collapsed into the lounge. Cupit stabbed her in the back with a Kitchen Devil knife in a blow that may have paralysed her. Then, leaving bloody footprints on the carpet, she went to the kitchen for a carving knife, which she plunged at least three times into her victim's stomach.

Cupit watched Mrs Linaker die and

then waited up to two hours before calling her in-laws to tell them: "Kathy's dead." They found her standing in the hallway comforting the dead woman's baby with a bottle of milk.

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### Husband told that he shares the blame

THE MEN

AS CHRIS LINAKER sat in the public gallery watching his iormer lover being sent to jail for life, he also heard scathing criticism of his own role in his wife's death.

The slightly round, unremarkable figure was shunned by his wife's family, who were sitting nearby. Mr Linaker emerges from the court case as n philanderer who betrayed his talented and innocent wife.

He pursued a younger, volatile lover for his own sexual gratification, playing a leading role in the drama that led to his wife's murder. He was still seeking sex from Jenny



Cupit - by then an unstable,

desperate woman begging him to leave his wife and fami-

ly - in a car park on the day

ford, QC, said that Mr Lin-

aker had known that Cupit

was a frightened and insecure

voung woman and yet had

locked her into a highly dan-

gerous relationship". He added: "He degraded

her. He used her and he, to a

very important extent, has

brought this young woman to

Mr Linaker, 35, has lost his

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Cupit's lawyer, Adrian Ful-

before her murder.



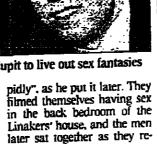
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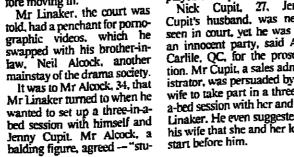
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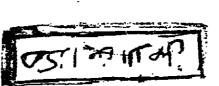
couple who bought it asked a

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played the tape. Nick Cupit, 27, Jenny Cupit's husband, was never seen in court, yet he was not an innocent party, said Alex Carlile, QC, for the prosecution. Mr Cupit, a sales administrator, was persuaded by his wife to take part in a three ina-bed session with her and Mr Linaker. He even suggested to his wife that she and her lover





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# Success gives king of kitsch a bad taste

Simon de Bruxelles meets the entrepreneur who made road kill collectible

WHEN Martin Perry, a former shepherd, began making trinket boxes in his garden shed four years ago, he had no idea that he would find himself trapped as the creator of the world's fastest-growing line of collectables.

Today he employs 400 people and has an annual turnover of £16.5 million, but Mr Perry is a reluctant entrepreneur and is finding it difficult to come to terms with the success of his kitsch creations.

His company, Harmony Kingdom, which is based in Stroud, Gloucestershire, is still largely unknown in Brit-ain. Among collectors in the United States his boxes are as popular as Beanie Babies and Swarovski crystal. Rare boxes, many of them featuring small furry animals and secret symbols, change hands for thou-sands of dollars and collectors clubs have sprung up across the country. All of which has taken Mr Perry completely by

His reaction to his success has been a very English one. Instead of rejoicing in his astonishing sales figures — like his dealers in the US — he has introduced a range of "Black Boxes", which parody the saccharine cuteness of his other

The latest, titled Road Kill, is a tasteless "tribute" to Diana, Princess of Wales, and other celebrities who have died in car accidents. All 5,000





The "Diana" squirrel, left, and other figurines. Collectors have set up websites to monitor prices

copies of the limited edition box were sold on the day of release, but many who bought the E28 limited edition resin box will never realise the sig-nificance of its symbolism.

A tableau depicts squashed animals with tyre tracks across their bodies. They sit playing harps on clouds on which are etched names of, among others, James Dean, Mary Jo Kopechne - who drowned in a car driven by Edward Kennedy — and Princess Grace of Monaco. Among them is a squirrel holding up the number plate of the car in which the Princess of Wales

Such tackiness has earned him detractors, but Mr Perry is unabashed. "Part of our line is deliberately tasteless. The market that we are in is generally syrupy sweet, full of cutesy teddy bears and sentimental dollies," he said.

"It is appallingly horrible to my eye so, since we find ourselves in a market that we never really intended to get into.

we also do some deliberate parodies. The number plate was not going to increase sales, it would have sold out anyway. It was just put there because it was tasteless."

The Americans did not take immediately to the Black Box line. The first featured a vulture eating a blood-dripping heart but was rejected as "in-sensitive and objectionable" by US dealers. Two years later, however, it was released in a limited edition of 3,600, selling at £24 each. Collectors are now paying up to £100.

Mr Perry, 50, said that he and his wife, Corinna, a former teacher, were both amazed at the success of Harmony Kingdom "It's quite astonishing how the business has taken off," he said. "To begin with it was just a man in his shed. It was exciting and extremely surprising to be so successful so quickly, particularly since this kind of success was never sought.

"I was spotted by an American marketing man right at

went straight to the USA. where it was so successful that we have been struggling ever since to keep up with demand. "I am not an ambitious per-

son at all and I never envisaged this happening. The whole thing has been led by the consumer.'

Harmony Kingdom now has manywebsites devoted to its collection of 200 boxes, including "chat rooms" in which enthusiasts meet and a site for Harmony Collectors Anonymous. The second-hand market in HK boxes is closely monitored on other sites. The record price for one of Mr Perry's products is £1,830 for an item which probably originally cost less than £30.

The company has been so successful that part of its production has been transferred to China. In an apologetic message to collectors on the Harmony Kingdom website, Mr Perry tells them that he has been unable to find and train enough workers in Britain. "Had anyone told me four

years ago that I would now be managing a large factory and all that that entails, I would never have left my garden shed," he said.

"I don't think I am particularly good at managing a facto-ry. What we are good at is designing. What still gets the adrenaline pumping is the thought of all the things we could be creating."



Mr Perry works on a Natty Fatty figurine, a parody of "syrupy sweet sentimental dollies"

# "Dramatic change as Radio 3 goes back upmarket

BY ADAM SHERWIN

A COMMITMENT to drama will be the key factor in a revamp of the Radio 3 schedules, the network's new Controller announced yester-

Roger Wright, who took over as Controller three months ago, promised to broadcast the best of British drama, when he unveiled his first programme schedules, and said that there would be more broadcasts of live music and of recorded per-

By concentrating on drama and rection with Juliet Stevenson. Mr

live music, Mr Wright hopes to differentiate Radio 3 from Classic FM. "Live broadcasts are so much more interesting than simply playing CDs," said Mr Wright.

After complaints from long-time Radio 3 listeners that the station was being "dumbed down" in a search for new audiences, Mr Wright has introduced changes that have largely confirmed his reputation as a ighbrow".

The offerings include a new production of Strindberg's The Father and Howard Barker's House of Cor-

Wright said: "I want to draw more attention to the long-form drama and new writing that we broadcast." The tenth anniversary of Samuel Beckett's death will be marked by a week of programmes; and a week-end marking the 250th anniversary

of Goethe's birth, and a Pushkin night, are also scheduled. "The percentage of speech in relation to mu-sic will probably go up across the network," said Mr Wright. After listeners had expressed un-

happiness about the changes to the morning schedule introduced by Mr Wright's predecessor, from August

music performances will be broadcast between 11:30am and 1:00pm every weekday, replacing Artist of the Week and Sound Stories. Com-poser of the Week will return to the 9am slot from which it had controversially been shifted to noon.

"That will bring joy to some quar-ters, who said Composer Of The Week should never have moved." he observed, "but I will get letters from some people who say: 'I can no longer have my lunch to Composer Of The Week. Such are the problems of a Radio 3 Controller." Night Waves, the Radio 3 arts diswill be extended to four nights a

Mr Wright is particularly pleased to be broadcasting WOMAD, the July festival of world music and dance in Reading. "I want people to hear more world music. We would have covered the whole thing live but there is this thing called the Proms at the same time," he said. Jocelyn Hay, chairman of the Voice of the Listener and Viewer group, who had accused BBC radio

of going downmarket, welcomed Mr Wright's schedule. "This sounds

like a raising of standards and it makes a welcome departure. The change of emphasis is exciting." Classic FM has 5.2 million listen-

ers a week compared to Radio 3's 2.5 million, recent figures show. Listen-ing figures to be released by tomorrow are expected to show increases for both Radio 3 and Classic FM. A spokesman for Radio 3 added: "High culture is at the core of our broadcasting. We are not competing at all with Classic FM."

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### Rooftop stand-off after man is stabbed

By Peter Foster

A MENTALLY disturbed man who allegedly stabbed a friend in the chest on a rooftop was last night still refusing to give

himself up to police. Patrick McNeill, 33, has been defying police negotia-tors since the stabbing early on Sunday morning. Yesterday evening they seemed no nearer to resolving the standoff in Leicester city centre.

A no-fly zone has been declared over the area by the Civil Aviation Authority at the request of police after Mr Mc-Neill became "particularly distressed and angry" when a light aircraft circled low over the scene. Belgrave Road, one of the main trunk routes through the city, has been closed and there was chaos last night as police diverted

traffic. During the day supplies of chocolate, cigarettes and hot drinks were ferried up to Mr McNeill on a fire service hoist. He was perched on the parapet of the Mumbai Blues restaurant, rocking to and fro and clearly in a distressed

state of mind. It is understood that Mr Mc-Neill, who was recently released from a mental hospital in Leicester, fled to the rooftop after a domestic argument. According to a police source, the situation turned violent when a friend of Mr McNeill's, Andrew McLean, tried to reason with him. Mr McLean, 34. was last night in a stable but serious condition in hospital after being stabbed five times in the chest before being rescued from the roof by fire crews.

Yesterday, questions were being asked about the role of police in allowing Mr McLean to go on to the roof. A senior police source said: "There will be a major investigation into how this happened. The internal inquiry will have to examine the decisions taken."

Last night, it appeared that Mr McNeill was destined to spend his third night on the 90ft building, although police psychiatrists continued to talk to him through a mobile telephone sent up earlier.

A BRITISH fashion photographer may face the electric chair after being charged with cutting a man's throat in a Florida bar.

Detectives say that Martin Smith, 30, was armed with a knife when he walked up to Steve Burke, who was sitting at the Miami Beach bar talking to a woman. The police report on Mr Smith's arrest for

the murder of Mr Burke, an American employee of the Cleveland Bar and Grill. says that he "was observed by witnesses as he grabbed the victim around the head, pulling his head back and then used the knife to cut the victim's throat".

Mr Smith dropped the knife and tried to walk out of the bar on the Ocean Drive seafront but was seized by staff, police say. The victim died before he could receive medical attention. Police suspect jeal-

was allegedly recorded on surveillance cameras at 6am local time on Monday. The bar had been full of Super Bowl fans

celebrating the end of the football series.

Mr Smith, who has been living in Miami Beach as a freelance fashion photographer, is reported to have confessed. He has been charged with first degree murder, which in Florida carries the death penalty.

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Tiny: barking brought help

### Dog saves owner injured in cliff fall

BY PAUL WILKINSON

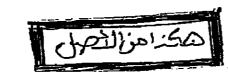
A PET terrier saved its owner yesterday after she had spent a night lying injured in nearfreezing temperatures after a fall from 40ft cliffs.

For more than ten hours the dog refused to leave Patricia Windsor, 63, as she lay semiconscious on sand at the foot of Flamborough Head in East Yorkshire. Eventually its barking attracted the attention of three fishermen as they prepared their boat for sea early

Last night Mrs Windsor, a widow from Flamborough, was recovering in hospital and Tiny, a West Highland white, was in police kennels. "He certainly saved her, she is a very lucky lady," said Norman Emmerson, one of the

An RAF helicopter flew her to Hull Royal Infirmary where last night she was re-ported to be in stable condition with back and leg injuries and hypothermia.





# His faith let him make his own rules

WE ARE supposed to live in a secular age, but Glenn Hoddle stands as living proof that religion is still one of the most dangerous things in life. He becomes the first person to lose his position in public life on a point of theology since Arch-bishop Cranmer — but at least Hoddle has escaped burning.

"I go to church on Sun-days." Hoddle wrote in one of the volumes of his ghosted oeuvre. Spurred to Success. "But I don't feel as though I have to go to church every single Sunday — I would be letting my-self and my faith down."

Quite so. The structure that governs the life of an ordinary believer is not for Hoddle. He has always been a special person, with a special faith: one that entitles him to make up the rules as he goes along. Marriage vows: what are they to the likes of Hoddle? "My faith in God has made me a more caring, compassionate

Now it is a fact of life that if you become a Roman Catholic. you have very little chance of becoming Pope. The odds are stacked against you. The only sure way to be a Pope is to make up your own religion. You are by definition the head of it. And if you are right, then by definition, everybody else is wrong. Nice feeling.

Thus you become Pope of your own autocephalous church. Hoddle has mixed a spot of Christianity with a bit of Hinduism, a strictly personal theory of reincarnation a fair amount of New Agery and various heeby-jeeberies: and Bob's you uncle. Or rather, Glenn's your Pope.

But the fact is that the rest of the world was frustratingly slow to grasp Hoddle's qualities of infallibility. He was the best footballer in England in the 1980s, but the then England manager. Bobby Robson built his team around the more humdrum virtues of Bry-

Hoddle played 55 times for England amd it should have heen 100. Always he played with courage: not the physical

Glenn Hoddle's belief in his own infallibility led to his demise, says

**Simon Barnes** derstand by the term, but the the self-belief to think he could

courage to draw all eyes to him-self: to risk the humiliating error in pursuit of victory and glory. Criticised as a Fancy Dan footballer, Hoddle was in fact as hard-nosed an individual as you can find on a football field. His hardness was all mental. But his gifts were regarded with suspicion as well as awe, and he went into management with the sour taste of frustration in his mouth. The trouble with team games is that an individual is not in con-

trol of his destiny. Now it was time to seize that control. It was reckoned that Hod-

pull it off.
It is a law of sport: every person who takes on the job of

England coach or manager ends up standing before the world exactly as he is. The scoundrel and the fool that hide within are invariably revealed for us, along with the liar, the fudger, the prevaricator, the phoney, the weasel and the plain inadequate.

Hoddle seemed to have the toughness to cope. And yes, he had his moment of infallibili-ty. His England team settled the question of qualification to the World Cup finals with a

<sup>6</sup> After the World Cup he acquired a reverse Midas touch: everything he touched

was turning to ordure?

dle's greatest achievement as Swindon Town manager was to pick himself, and as manager of Chelsea. to pick Ruud Gullitt. Not the whole truth: Hoddle gave both his club sides a sense of his own self-belief. Hoddle believed he was destined for greatness; therefore his teams must have a touch of greatness. And to an extent, they did. Football mangement is about the art of be-

Then the job of England coach fell vacant. Hoddle was a 20-1 shot, but he got it. He was the only contender with

tactically brilliant draw in Italy: a unified team, playing to a clear and correct strategy.

But in the hour of his greatest triumph lay the seeds of his downfall. It always does. Hoddle dumped his wife and family the day after the Italy match. Christian decency is not a relevant matter to someone who makes up religion as he goes along. His wife divorced him on the ground of

We must now turn to Eileen. Eileen Drewery, faithhealer. Hoddle met her after picking

newery won his awed respect y sorting out a troubled hamstring by the power of prayer. It was a defining experience.

This unholy marriage of use the term loosely minds gave Hoddle's life direction, energy, purpose, mean-ing, and reality. It made him infallible. It led him to the disaster he now finds himself in. The presence of Drewery in the England camp was helpful to some players. But not all. And the vital importance of Drewery to Hoddle himself was utterly divisive.

Perhaps it is about time we talked about football, because, strange to say, football does play a part in this bizarre story. So why did Hoddle go out of his way to criticise Michael Owen before the World Cup? Owen had obvious talent and a precociously mature temperament. "Not a natural goalscorer," Hoddle said.

Hoddle took agin: and there was something almost wilfully self-destructive in Hoddle's stance. The fundamental error of the World Cup campaign was not the defeat by Argentina, but the defeat by Romania. Teddy Sheringham, pre-

ferred to Owen, contributed little. Owen came on as a late substitute to score a spectacular goal. Too late, too late: had England won, they would have met an easier team than Argentina in the round of 16.

Two things happened to Hoddle in the wake of the tournament. One, he had acquired a reverse Midas touch: everything he touched was turning to ordure. Second, he believed more strongly than ever in his own infallibility. Something was going to break: and soon That much was clear. The first colossal mistake

was Hoddle's World Cup diary. He made a fortune by making public his private dealings with players. He should have been sacked for that book: but it was done, shamefully, with the connivance of the Football Association, and with an FA employee as Hoddle's personal ghost. But all trust between Hoddle and his squad was at



Glenn Hoddle leaving the home of his agent Dennis Roach on his way to the FA press conference yesterday

of the book and the quasi-compulsory faithhealer. This was made clear by the poor results achieved since England set out to qualify for the European championships — defeat by Sweden, draw at home to Bul-garia. If scandal didn't get bim then forthall would him, then football would.

But Hoddle remained infallible. And the thing about the doctrine of infallibility is that

involves an abandonment of objective reality. This is a problem in the pragmatic matter of trying to win football matches. And it is a greater problem when you try and communicate with people outside your

immediate area of control.

Hoddle, believing in the things he made up, had forgotten that the rest of the world might find problems with

about the second-class nature of the souls of the disabled: and the extraordinary nationwide rejection of these views. It was a shockwave of power-ful emotion and Hoddle was overwhelmed by it. Religion. as I said, is dangerous stuff: even in a secular age. It has done for Hoddle all right. Football, like religion, is dan-

gerous. After all, 26 million

Argentina match. Football is part of people's pleasures, part of people's lives. Football is trivial, of course it is trivial: but people care about it. It matters. And so football empowers. ers otherwise small and unimportant people. And there is only one thing in the world more dangerous than religion. And that is power.

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# Blair swayed by mob, says Major



Major: accused Blair of hunting for headlines

JOHN MAJOR accused Tony Blair yesterday of exploiting the Hoddle affair in search of headlines. The Prime Minister had been driven by a "mob mentality".

Hours after Downing Street had tried to make an ungainly retreat from the episode. Mr Major said that Mr Blair's heavy hint on Monday that Hoddle should go revealed a government appetite for homing in on populist targets.

Addressing the House of Commons in a debate on the future of the Lords, Mr Major said: "It does not matter whether that target may be the unpopular principle of hereditary peers or the dotty ramblings of

"If there's a mob mentality, then this Government will put itself at the head of that mentality to garner a headline or official said that No 10 had telephoned Hoddle on Monday to try to calm the waters and to lift the impression of pressure from the top on the Football Association.

Downing Street refused to say whether the telephone call came from Alastair Campbell, Mr Blair's official spokesman. But together with yesterday's attempted clarification from No 10, it amounted to a concerted effort to remove Mr Blair's fingerprints from last night's decision. Downing Street said officials had acted to ensure Hoddle was aware of the "full context" of Mr Blair's words.

The Prime Minister was drawn into the Hoddle debate when he appeared on Granada TV's *This Morning* programme on Monday. Asked by Richard Madeley whether he thought it was time for Hod-

two." Downing Street said that Mr Blair dle to step down. Mr Blair said: "If he has had not called for Hoddle to go, 24 hours really said it in the way that he has been and it is difficult for him to stay in those circumstances, yes."

Downing Street pointed out that Mr Blair qualified his view four times with the rider that Hoddle's explanation of his comments had to be heard first. Mr Blair reiterated this yesterday when questioned by reporters after meeting business leaders in South Wales. "The real issue is whether what the newspaper reported is an accurate representation of what was said and what was meant," he said.

Peter Ainsworth, the Shadow Culture, Media and Sport Secretary, said: "The Prime Minister's intervention has simply confused matters. They seem to be getting in a muddle over this, and it is not now clear what the Prime Minister really

# Sponsors believe FA made right decision

BY ADAM SHERWIN AND STEVE FARRELL

GLENN HODDLE's removal as England coach was welcomed last night by critics and disabled groups.

Mike Lazenby, marketing director for the Nationwide Building Society, the England team's sponsor, said: "The FA have made the right decision. As a sponsor we were obliged to disassociate ourselves from unacceptable views which casued distress to our members." We wanted to help football

clean up its act and this epi-

sode shows where the boundaries lie." The British Paralympic As-

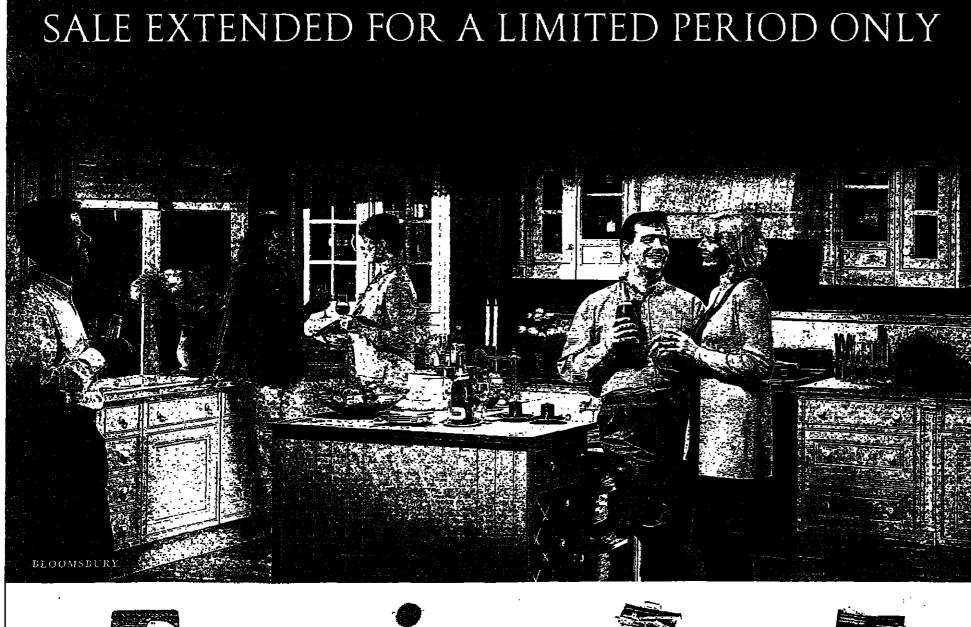
sociation also backed the FA decision. "I think it would have been difficult for him to continue, but it had to be a footballing decision," a spokeswoman said. "We have been in contact with a lot of our athletes. Some of them are angry but the majority just shrugged

it off with a bit of a smile." However, the Labour peer Lord Ashley, who was deaf for some 25 years, said: "An aggressive media, a weak Football Association and his own

lack of judgment have finished Glenn Hoddle. But it is a sad day for British tolerance and freedom of speech.

Peter Ainsworth, the shadow culture, media and sport secretary, said: "I entirely respect the decision of the FA. who have no doubt come to their conclusion on the basis of what they believe to be right for the sport."

John Maxton, a Labour member of the Culture. Media and Sport Select Committee. said: "I think Hoddle had no option but to resign. His statements were unacceptable."







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# freed with gifts and apologies TWO Britons held hostage in Mr Rosser, 61, said: "We bear Dutch woman that they could leave with the children, but they refused to go without

Yemen for 15 days were re-leased yesterday, after receiv-ing apologies and gifts from

their kidnappers.

Eddie and Mary Rosser, and a Dutch family abducted with them, were released into the safekeeping of the tribal sheikh who was reportedly be-hind their abduction.

Before being driven from a mountain hideout, they were showered with gifts including an ornate antique bolt-action rifle by the tribesmen who abducted them. They were taken to Sheikh Abdul Aziz al-Shair's villa in the capital, Sanaa, where he offered profuse apologies and invited the captives to share a traditional breakfast with his neighbours and scores of others.

The Rossers hope to stay in Yemen to complete their sixmonth contract for a charity.

no grudges to our captors. We never felt in danger from them and they never stopped apologising for taking us. There were some very nice guys among them and we made some good relationships, so we don't want to see them punished and we don't want to

leave this country."

His wife, 64, was still wearing tribal dress given to her by the sheikh. "It sounds strange to some but these gifts are very well personal to us; they were well meant and we shall keep them as memories." Mr Rosser

The couple, who ran a guest-house for aid workers for the charity Worldwide Services. were kidnapped with two Dutch colleagues and their two young children. On their first night in captivity the gunmen told Mrs Rosser and the

Gloucestershire, said: "The first thing we did was speak to our children, Paul and Penny. We want to talk to them about what we do next, but we both would love to see out our contract. It is a lovely country and we love the Yemeni people."

Tribesmen said that the Yemen Government had paid

home empty-handed when

Rossers were woken by a

bassador, Vic Henderson, and

Mr Rosser, from Lechlade,

his Dutch counterpart.

their husbands.

£30,000 for the release. The Foreign Office and Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs denied knowledge of a ransom. Tony Blair welcomed the re-

lease. "Given recent events, we should consider ourselves very fortunate it has had a good ending," he said.



"I expect to get money, fame and fortune": Alara Gee, left, under the camera lights yesterday with her fellow pupil Katie Allison

# Model students capitalise on lessons

BY PAUL WILKINSON

TEENAGERS at a comprehensive school who set up a modelling agency as part of their business studies are to relaunch it as a commercial venture. They have recruited fellow pupils -

girls and boys — as models. Sixteen-year-old Alara Gee has al-ready completed several professional assignments, including a shoot for the Halifax Bank magazine and a portfolio using Max Foundation produced by Harvey Nichols, the fashion store. She said: "The work is great fun. It is definitely a good start for a teenager. I expect to get money, fame and for

The students at Boston Spa Compre hensive School in West Yorkshire call their business Premier Snakers, after the models' wiggle on the catwalk. They were expected to create and run an imaginary firm for their advanced business studies course but decided

that only the real thing would do. They raised launch capital of £70 and set up the company under the Young Enterprise scheme. They planned to liquidate it after the sum-



Alex Simmons, centre, presents his co-members of Premier Snakers

mer term but will now relaunch it immediately afterwards as a continuing business. Premier Snakers has yet to make a profit but its founders expect that to change after the relaunch. They have 26 models on their books, aged 16 to 18, who were selected by

their classmates. The 11 girls and 15 boys have had a portfolio of photos taken by Ross Featherstone, 16. They will appear in a calendar being created to win outside work and next month will take part in their own fashion show. Sponsors are being sought

will go to the Imperial Cancer Re-search Fund.

John Cuthell, the school's business course co-ordinator, said it was the first time that he had known business

students to set up a modelling agency. Alex Simmons, 16, of Leeds, the joint managing director, said: "We wanted to do something a bit different. A modelling agency seemed per-fect. What we're really excited about is that it gives us the chance to carry things on after school. I have always wanted to be successful in everything

I do. I am a very bad loser." Lee Hicken. 17, the other joint MD. said he believed that the agency was the first of its kind. "We just saw a lot of really nice people around school who we thought would make it as models. I just thought of all this talent going to waste and we decided to do something about it."

Lee Hawkins. 16. from Collingham. West Yorkshire, said that he had no qualms about posing for the camera. "Giving it a go in front of your friends must be less nerve-racking than modelling for a lot of strangers."

# Boy's body found in canal

Eddie and Mary Rosser: hoping to stay in Yemen

By Simon de Bruxelles

THE body of a teenage rugby

THE body of a teenage rugby player who had been missing for four days was discovered in a canal yesterday.

George Mortimer's body was found in reed beds a few hundred yards from his home in Exeter.

George 16 was less as

Friday when he told a friend he was meeting two men by the River Exe, which runs

alongside the canal. His body was taken to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital for a postmortem examination by a Home Office pathologist.

The body was discovered after 50 police officers, believed to be acting on a tip-off, re-sumed their search of the Exe and the Exeter ship canal.

George's parents, Barry, a self-employed businessman. his wife Alice, and older brother Sam were being comforted

at their home by specially trained police.

The 6ft lin teenager, who was captain of Exeter Rugby club under-16 team, was last seen at his home at 5pm on Friday. He had been due to visit a a friend but did not arrive.

Last night police, who have launched a murder inquiry. were questioning two men from Altrincham, Cheshire, arrested on Monday. One is 32, the other is in his twenties.

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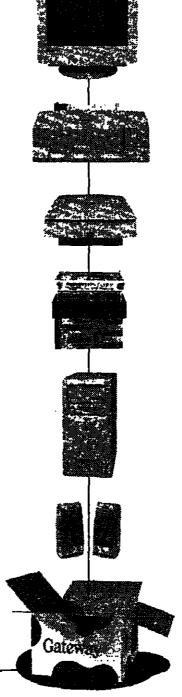
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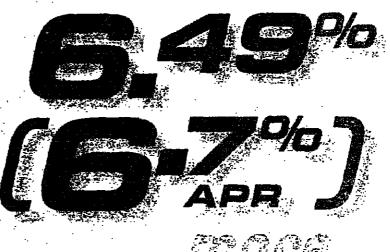
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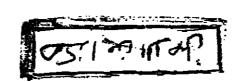
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### New-look Lords 'to hold UK together'

PETER MANDELSON last night re-entered the political fray with a passionate speech from the back benches on Lords reform (James Landale

The former Trade and Industry Secretary said a reformed second cham-ber should be used as a "glue" to hold together the constitution in the wake of devolution. He also claimed to have been the minister behind the Government's plan for a royal commission.

In the second day of debate on the Government's Bill to expel hereditary peers, two former Tory Prime Ministers also made rare speeches. both warning of the Govemment's contempt for Parliament's check over

the executive. Sir Edward Heath broke ranks with his front bench and called for an elected Upper House. John Major warned of the Government's complete uncertainty of what to do once the hereditaries were

Mr Mandelson suggested that the new Lords could contain representatives of the regions and could have improved links with Europe, but warned against giving it new powers.

# MP accuses **Irvine** of legal work 'cronyism'

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD IRVINE of Lairg was last night accused of further "cronyism" after it emerged that the bulk of legal work that he has commissioned as Lord Chancellor has gone to his But the Lord Chancellor's deformer set of chambers.

Since May 1997 the Government has paid £36,687 to Lord Irvine's former Chambers, II king's Bench Walk, much more than to other barristers in other London chambers.

A parliamentary answer by Geoff Hoon, the Minister of State in the Lord Chancellor's Department, shows that 24 sets of chambers have been used for work since Lord Irvine was appointed to the Cabinet. Most of the firms have done small amounts of work but £31.531 has been paid to Temple Gardens, £20.180 to 39 Essex Street and £23,735 to Queen Elizabeth Building.

David Ruffley, the Tory MP for Bury St Edmunds who tabled the question, said the large sums going to II King's Bench Walk was further evidence of "jobs for the boys". "It is an amazing coincidence that Lord Irvine's former set of chambers gets

more work for his department

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than any other chambers in London," Mr Ruffley said. "It's a clear case of Irvine's cro-

partment pointed out that the Treasury Junior, or 'Treasury Devil", appointed 12 months ago, works at II King's Bench Walk so he would be bound to carry out most of the work. The appointment of Philip Sales provoked protests at the time. The Treasury Devil is an independent barrister who is briefed and paid for advice or court appearances on behalf of government departments.

Last December Lord Falconer of Thoroton, then Solicitor-General, said the appointment had been made on merit. Mr Sales, 36, was a young appointment but highly rated and already tipped for stardom as "Lord Irvine's blue-eyed boy".

The Lord Chancellor's Department was unable to provide a breakdown as to how much work had been done by Mr Sales and how much had been done by other barristers at Il King's Bench Walk, saying "we are confident that the figure for 11 King's Bench Walk reflects his role".



Tony Blair kissing a woman on the cheek during a walkabout with Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister, outside their hotel in Bristol yesterday

# Flawed confessions of talkshow politician

ONY BLAIR wants to be the People's Prime Minister. As he told This Morning on Monday: "I think it is a good idea for people in my position to try to communicate with people directly and talk about things that really interest people."

The People's Priorities, as interpreted by those maestros of daytime television, ranged from Mr Blair's relations with his children and whether he is bossy at home, to the future of the England football manager. But those who live by populism are liable to be tripped

There's a Great Deal going on

up by it. The political strategy is clear. Working-class wornen who form the core viewers of such shows are among the strongest supporters of La-bour. According to the MORI poils for The Times, some 62 per cent of them back Labour, against 43 per cent of middleclass women. (This is based on aggregate data for October

to December of last year.) Moreover, support for Labour is highest among the key target groups of 18-to-24 and to-34-year-old women, at 75 and 68 per cent respectively. Labour devoted considerable

efforts before the election to courting these groups, a fifth or less of whom back the Tories. Party strategists found that they could not reach them by newspapers or current atfairs television. Hence, the recourse to the lime-green chairs.

Contrary to the sniffy comment of the past two days, there is nothing wrong in trying to communicate more directly with the public. Despite our high level of newspaper readership compared with other countries, the fragmentation of the television market means that politicians can no longer assume that almost evesame news bulletins. This par-

ticularly applies to younger people and ethnic minorities. The problem is less the medium than the message. The boundaries of political discourse, or at any rate what politicians talk about, are forever widening. They discuss everything from their families, via hobbies, likes and dislikes in pop music (never classical) and sport (football is in, cricket is out) to their personal beliefs and faiths. This is supposed to make them folksy and popular. But it often jars.

Such populist gestures compromise politicians' frequent insistence that their personal and family lives should be private. They face the same dilemma as the Royal Family in allowing the media access to their personal lives on their own terms. But it is hard then to draw a line between acceptable and unacceptable disclo-

Politicians and newspapers, let alone chatshow hosts. have different roles. It is for politicians to argue, debate, propose and act over public issues for which they are elected. But it is not their job to pronounce on non-political matters. It is nothing whatsoever to do with Mr Blair, or Tony Banks for that matter, who serves as England coach however much they disapprove of his comments on this subject or that. The Football Association is not an arm of govern-

The essence of a pluralist society is that the role of government is limited, and that means what ministers say and do. Harold Macmillan was right when he said that people should look to bishops, not to ministers, for a lead on moral issues. Politicians ought to say that sport, the arts and the like are nothing to do with them. The People's Prime Minister remains a politician, not a talkshow host or a na-

## Blair puts jobs at top of Europe's agenda ferent type of single market in

the European Union," he said.

BY MARK INGLEFIELD POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR declared yesterday that he would like to scrap any EU legislation that stands in the way of people finding

Prime Minister launched his attack on Brussels red tape as he discussed Europe's rising unemploy-ment with local businessmen and women in Bristol. "A lot of these different regulations that have come about from a slightly different era in Europe can be revisited in circumstances where we are developing a dif-

Labour

moves to

head off

Morgan

By Valerie Elliott

WHITEHALL EDITOR

Mr Blair had travelled to Bristol with Wirn Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister, who was paying a short visit to Britain. Both leaders took part in a question-and-answer session. Mr Blair said beforehand that for "Britain to get the best out of the EU we must be play-

ers on the pitch, not commentators in the stands". But his remarks focused on how unemployment could be combated. "Jobs and growth have got to be top of the agen-da." he said. "There is no doubt that to tackle the unac-

ceptably high levels of unemployment in Europe, there has to be structural reform, accompanying a disciplined and strong euro." But although Mr Blair said

flexibility was required in the job market, he insisted this did not mean abandoning the social aspects of European employment law. He applauded Mr Kok for combining strong economic measures with social justice and compared it to his own Third Way. "It is the same idea, the belief that you do not pursue social justice at the expense of economic dynamism and strength. "





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# Nanny spared jail for shaking baby to death

Judge lets Australian go home for treatment because of her low IQ, report Richard Duce and Christine Middap

THE namy who shook a six-month-old baby to death was yesterday freed to return to Australia after a judge ruled that she needed help rather than punishment.

Louise Sullivan, 27, will fly back to Sydney for treatment for the mental deficiencies that contributed to the death of

Caroline Jongen last April. The baby's parents refused to comment on Sullivan's sentence of 15 months imprisonment, suspended for two years, but police said that they had not wanted to see another life destroyed.

Muriel and Marcel Jongen were at the Old Bailey to hear Mr Justice Mitchell say: "Nothing can restore that baby to her mother and father. I can but hope that having braved the ordeal of these proceedings they can understand why I have, with some reluctance, allowed Louise Sullivan to return to Australia."

Sullivan, who has an IQ of only 81 because of a thyroid de-ficiency, was embraced by her mother, Robyn, and by her barrister, Nadine Radford, QC, who had argued that im-prisonment would probably cause a mental breakdown.

The Sullivan family left the court without comment. Karen Todner, Sullivan's solic-itor, said: "We are pleased that the judge was able to show compassion to a girl who has never deliberately sought to harm a child which she cared

for and loved." Miss Todner, giving Sulli-van's version of events leading van's version of events leading up to the baby's death at home in Cricklewood, northwest London, said: "Louise believed that Caroline suffered a fit or convulsion. Louise had never experienced such a situation before During has a situation before. During her training in Australia Louise was taught



Sullivan leaving the Old Bailey yesterday

the 'shake and shout' method. Most regrettably, it was this course of action that ultimately resulted in Caroline's death. This is not a case that is about temper or loss of patience ... This is the case of a girl who panicked and made a mistake

with tragic consequences."
Sullivan, who had admitted manslaughter, is expected to return to Australia with her mother and father, Barry, as soon as her passport is re-

She had been a nanny for five years. Passing sentence, the judge told her. "The sad truth can be stated simply: with that deficit in your mental capability, you were wholly unsuitable for the career you chose and the work you were employed to do. There was, in truth, a concealed but massive question mark of your ability to cope with the ups and downs and occasional crises that can arise in the early months of a young baby's life."

The judge said manslaugh-

ter would normally demand a prison sentence but Sullivan had not the slightest insight" into her mental problems, which had not previously been diagnosed. The court was told that she was born without a thyroid gland, which left her of below average intellect and prone to anxiety and depres-sion. "Terrible though the consequences of what you did were, your action was not intended or, by any stretch of the

imagination, an act committed in temper or gratuitous vio-lence," the judge told her. Sullivan had completed a childcare course in New South Wales and two Australian Red Cross courses during which she learnt the "shake and shout" method. The prosecution said that she had shaken Caroline for five to ten seconds, making her brain wob-ble "like a jelly inside a mould". The child died four

days later from brain damage. After the case, Detective Chief Inspector David Brown said there could be no criticism of Mr Jongen, a Dutch-born banker, or Mrs Jongen, a French-born financial analyst. They had interviewed Sullivan twice, checked her references and spoken to former employees who said that they had

been happy with her work. He asked that the couple be left alone to grieve and said that it was not for police to comment on the sentence. "I will never forget Mr Jongen saying that they did not want to destroy Louise Sullivan's life," Mr Brown said.

Valerie Howarth, chief executive of the charity ChildLine, said: "We urge that systems be put in place thoroughly to screen and register anyone working or seeking work with children so that tragedies such



## Love flies out the window

A HENPECKED macaw is on the loose after crashing through a window to escape the advances of his partner. Peter, an eight-year-old

South American green-winged macaw, had endured months of unwanted attention from Prudence at their owners' pet shop in Frome, Somerset. On Monday, Prudence inched along the perch once too often. The colourful object of her affection, 3ft long with a 4in beak and weighing 7lb. shot "like a bullet" across the

aviary and out through a closed window.

Jayne and Angus Hart, the birds' owners, spent yesterday trying to recover the bird. Mrs Hart, 40. said: "I knew they weren't getting on very well and Prudence made him a bit nervous, but I didn't know it was this bad."

Emma Magnus, an animal behaviourist, said macaws were choosy lovers. "If they get companionship from their human owners they often don't need it from a female."



### MPs call for checks to keep QCs up to scratch

By Frances GIBB

BARRISTERS who are made Queen's Counsel should undergo regular checks of their competence as part of a wholesale modernisation of the silks

system, MPs say. More than 100 MPs have signed an early day motion seeking a debate on the QC system, which they say should be examined alongside the Gov-ernment's other reforms of the legal profession.

Oueen's Counsel make up about one tenth of the practising Bar, which numbers 8,000. They are considered to have reached a high level of

ability and experience.

Andrew Dismore, a former solicitor who tabled the motion, said that there were no mechanisms to ensure that, once appointed, QCs kept up to scratch. "We are told that it is a kind of kitemark for the Bar, but if that is the case. there must be proper mechanisms for monitoring it," he

Mr Dismore Labour MP for Hendon, said he was not waging a crusade against QCs. "Many of my best friends are QCs, as they say. And I have known some brilliant QCs ... but also some rather mediocre ones.

"At a time when we have radical and far-reaching reforms for modernising justice going through Parliament, we should take this opportunity to look also at the silks system and whether it is operating in the public interest."

Mr Dismore also suggested that the cost of the QC system could be carried by the Bar rather than paid for by the taxpaper. The selection procedure costs the Lord Chancellor's Department £60,000 to £80,000 a

The rank is highly sought-after, with more than 500 barristers applying to become a QC each year. One applicant last year had applied 25 times before without success.



Parrot's feather: named

### Wetland war on alien invaders

By NIGEL HAWKES

PARROT'S feather and fairy fern were yesterday declared a menace by the Environment Agency, which accused them and other foreign plants of

clogging British waterways. To mark World Wetlands Day, the agency declared Pevensey Levels in East Sussex a wetland of international importance and warned that its qualities were under threat from four alien species. They named the invaders as Myrio*phyllum aquaticum* (parrot's feather): Crassula helmsii (Aus tralian swamp stonecrop) Azolla filiculoides (fairy fern); and Hydrocotyle ranuncu-

loides (floating pennywort). The agency, which says there are native alternatives, is asking all nurseries and garden centres to withdraw the four troublesome species from sale. "Now is a good time to think about planting pond plants, so we are urging pond owners and garden centres to be careful in their selections and avoid the nuisance species," Phil Griffiths, a spokesman, said.

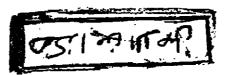
Pevensey Levels is the large est and least fragmented area of lowland wet grass in southeast England, famous for dragonflies and freshwater molluses. The foreign plants. having no natural controls, form dense carpets on the water surface, reducing the amount of oxygen and killing fish and invertebrates.



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# Olympic city's missing sword tale cuts no ice

FROM ROBERT WHYMANI IN TOKYO

MYSTERY surrounds the whereabouts of a traditional short sword which Japanese officials say they gave to Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), eight years ago and which appears to have vanished.

On Monday, the IOC said that neither it nor Señor Samaranch has any record or recollection of receiving a Japanese sword from the city of Nagano, which hosted the 1998 Win-

However, the governor of Nagano prefecture maintains that the sword, made by a local craftsman, was presented to Señor Samaranch when he visited Nagano, northwest of Tokyo, in May 1991. The city was chosen to host the Games

According to Governor Goro Yoshimura, who was to host the Olympics.

chairman of the bid committee, the sword was "donated" by the sword-maker himself. adding "there may have been an intermediary". But he refused to reveal the identity of either the craftsman or the intermediary, saying the swordmaker wanted no publicity.

In fact, the gift remained a secret until a Japanese newspaper made allegations last month that Nagano's bidding committee violated the IOC code of ethics by presenting Señor Samaranch with a valuable sword and kimono.

The governor's curious version of events - that a publicin-shy swordsmith presented the weapon at his own expense - has failed to convince a sceptical public. It is widely seen as an artempt to deflect anger about the misuse of taxpayers' money during Nagano's drive

Since the controversy over the Salt Lake City Olympics erupted, details have emerged of first-class air fares, all-expenses-paid stays at resorts. entertainment by geishas, and other luxuries lavished on visiting IOC members by Nagano. A Nagano citizens' group says it plans to take the Games' organisers to court for misuse

> But potentially the most embarrassing perk is the sword. which was given to Señor Samaranch, according to the gov-ernor, but which Señor Samaranch cannot recall receiving.

> There is much that is puzzling about the episode. No photograph is known to exist of a presentation ceremony a curious omission in a country of obsessive shutterbugs.

However, it has been confirmed that the necessary procedures for exporting the



Juan Antonio Samaranch in Lausanne, Switzerland, yesterday for a conference on doping. He has denied all knowledge of the Japanese sword

sword were completed, meaning that it left the country. Under Japanese law, guns and swords must be registered.

Nagano prefectural officials refused to say in whose name the sword was registered, citing "a need to safeguard

privacy". According to a local businessman, Soichiro Yoshida, who played a key role in Nagano's Olympic bid, the weapon is a traditional short sword - originally designed for hand-to-hand combat and piercing a foe's armour.

The Japanese Olympic Committee was yesterday prepar-ing to respond to an IOC request for any evidence of wrongdoing in Nagano's succcesful bid. But it is unlikely to yield anything negative: city in-cinerators took care of that.

An official of the bidding committee last month admitted that he ordered 90 accounting books, detailing how much was spent on wining and dining IOC officials, to be burnt in 1992 because they car-

Explaining this destruction of potentially damning evidence, Nagano's Mayor, Tasu-ku Tsukada, blithely told reporters that it was "the Japanese way of doing things".

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# Woman on trial in Paris after 50 girls circumcised

MAMA GREOU, a Frenchwoman of Malian origin. went on trial in Paris yesterday for allegedly circumcising about 50 girls in the biggest case of its kind to come before a French court.

She was accompanied into the defendants' box by 27 of the girls' parents in the first hearing in France to be triggered by a victim's complaint. Hawa Gréou, 52, known among France's 40,000-strong Malian community as Mama Gréou, faces up to 20 years in

jail if found guilty after a hearing expected to last two weeks. Human rights organisasive sentence in the hope of stamping out the genital mutilation practised by a small minority of the several million people of African origin living

in France. The defence does not contest the facts, but says that French justice is ill-equipped to tackle an ancient African custom and should treat her

with leniency. The defendant was arrested after a tip-off from Mariatou Koita, 23, a law student in Paris of Malian origin, who denounced her for allegedly circumcising two of her sisters five years ago. Mlle Koita claims she suffered at Mama Greou's hands in 1983, when she was eight. "There were several women," she told magistrates. 'Two held me down. one held my legs, the other my arms. The third circumcised me. I shouted and asked my mother why she said nothing.



Koita: claims suffering at hands of Gréou

Case pits rights campaigners against ancient custom, writes

Adam Sage

ing device on the defendant's telephone and found what they say is evidence of about 50 circumcisions carried out over the past five years. The tion says the true figure is

nearer 100 operations. The prosecution says that Mama Gréou knew female circumcision had been a crime in France since 1984 and took precautions to cover her tracks. She often performed her back-street surgery in holiday periods, when nobody would hear the girls' screams.

sterilised razors they say she used in the operations at her Paris flat, as well as an instrument made of two metal spikes fixed to a plastic tube. In 1994, she was given a suspended sentence after a court convicted her of carrying out several dozen circumcisions. Police say the 27 parents. who are being charged as ac-complices, all knew that the

ris from their daughters were illegal in France. That point is important because defendants have claimed to be ignorant of the law in previous genital mutilation hearings in France. Mama Gréou's lawyer. Jean Chavais, said: "Punishment is not as effective as education and prevention. I do not say circumcision is necessary, but if we want to fight it.

the courts. It takes a long time to change habits." But Linda Weil-Curiel, of the Commission for the Abolition of Genital Mutilation, called for a prison sentence. "Jail marks people's minds. That will enable families to use the risk of being sent to prison as a way of turning away from this custom."

Female circumcision is per formed mainly, although not solely, by Muslims in the Middie East, Asia and Africa.

## Opposition leader jailed for speaking

A SINGAPORE opposition politician chose seven days in jail rather than pay a fine yesterday after he was found guilty of making speeches in public without a permit in a trial that sparked rare debate

in the city-state. Chee Soon Juan, 36, was found guilty of breaking strict public speaking laws. A district judge, See Kee Oon, fined him \$\$1,400 (£518), with im-

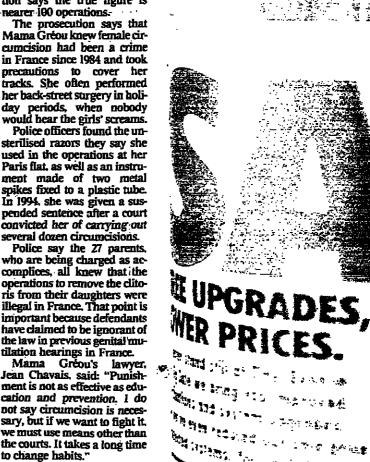
prisonment if he failed to pay. Mr Chee said: "I feel that I have done absolutely nothing wrong. I have to serve time in prison for exercising my consti-

offence under the Public Entertainments Act + which requires permits for public speaking - after he gave a speech on December 29 in Singapore's central business district without a licence.

His counsel, J.B. Jeyaretnam, said that the Act was unconstitutional, but the judge

Mr Chee, the Singapore Democratic Party leader, has had several high-profile clashes with the law. Hesays the public speaking permit sys-tem censorship laws and state media control are designed to make it hard for the Opposi-

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Woman ont in Paris after girls circumci

# Belgrade on the spot as rebels agree to talks

By Michael Evans, defence editor

THE Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA indicated yesterday that it would attend the peace conference planned to start in Rambouillet on Saturday, putting pressure on Belgrade to follow suit.

The first positive sign that the KLA will send delegates to Rambouillet, outside Paris, came after a meeting of the organisation's general staff at a secret base in Kosovo. the disaffected province of Serbia. The negotiators are expected to be named today.

Jacup Krasniqi, a KLA spokesmar, said: "We are definitely going to the talks with our proposals."

He said that the KLA would insist on leading the ethnic Albanian

delegation because "no one has the right to decide the future of Kosovo other than those who fight and male sacrifices for Kosovo".

The response from President Milosevic, the Yugoslav leader, is not expected until tomorrow or Friday.

leaving it to the last moment.
Liplomatic sources said that the Serpian and Yugoslav parliaments had to be consulted before any announcement could be made by the Government in Belgrade.

Provided the KLA's decision is confirmed, it will mean that all sections of the ethnic Albanians in Kosove will be represented at the talks at he château. Iderahim Rugova, the political leader of the moderate ethnic Albanians, has confirmed that he will be represented.

telgrade has been warned that, if i is the only party that refuses to atend the peace talks, it will face possible airstrikes.

:ames Rubin, the US State Department spokesman, said that Bel-

grade would be making a "big. big mistake" by doubting Nato's determination to use force if it failed to send a negotiating team.

The KLA made clear that it would not give up its aim of full independence for Kosovo and that its negotiators would be arguing for a referendum on independence at the end of the three-year interim period proposed by Christopher Hill, the US envoy, whose plan for the fu-ture of the Yugoslav province will form the basis of the peace talks.

In the latest draft of the Hill plan, there are also elements that are unlikely to find favour with Mr Milosevic. According to the draft, the head of the Kosovo verification

### Serbs give back massacre dead

Pristina: Serbian authorities in Kosovo yesterday released the bodies of more than 40 victims of an alleged massacre of ethnic Al-banians by Serb security forces last month after completing postmortem examinations.

The official Belgrade-based Tanjug news agency quoted a local idge. Danica Marinkovic, as saying the victims families were free to take the bodies for burial in their village of Racak, southwest

of the provincial capital Pristina.

But family members said they wanted the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe to help them with the task because they feared harassment by the Serbs. (Reuters)

team, the American envoy William Walker, would have authority over both Belgrade and the ethnic Albanian leaders in ensuring the proper implementation of all elements of the peace settlement.

Sources at the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which is responsible for the verification mission in Kosovo, said it was envisaged that the head of the OSCE team in the province would have similar powers to those of Carlos Westendorp, the High Representative in Bosnia-Herzegovina, who is responsible for implementing the civilian aspects of the Dayton peace accord. Under the draft plan, Mr Walker would be able to overrule Belgrade if there was a dispute over implementing any peace settlement.

effectively removing Mr Milose-vic's authority over the province. However, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said the peace plan would leave foreign and defence matters, as well as financial strategy, to Belgrade and sovereignty of

the province would not be affected.
The OSCE verification team has 1,070 members operating in Kosovo. That will rise to 1,000 and will reach the originally proposed 2,000 level once a peace settlement is approved. The final 400 verifiers will legal experts and police officers.

News of the KLA's decision to go to Rambouillet emerged after earlier statements had indicated a more negative approach. Adem Demaci, the political representative of the KLA, said that he had advised against going to Rambouillet.

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Franz Fuchs shouts slogans during his trial yesterday

# Armless man disrupts his trial for bombings

FROM NIGEL GLASS IN VIENNA

AN ARMLESS man with a Hitlerstyle moustache and haircut repeatedly interrupted the first day of his trial in Graz, Austria, yesterday for the murder of four Gypsies, during a series of bombings, by shouting xenophobic slogans.

As soon as Franz Fuchs, 49, was

brought into the dock, he shouted: "Long live the Bavarian Liberation

The unemployed instrument technician went on to attack foreigners and "the Zionist persecution of the German people". The judge, Heinz Fuhmann, repeatedly ordered Herr Fuchs to be returned to the cells, and much of the proceedings were conducted in his absence.

The prosecution said that a string of bomb attacks, carried out in Austria between 1993 and 1996 and purporting to be in the name of the Bavarian Liberation Army, was carried out solely by Herr Fuchs.

Police claimed that he had confessed to the offences, but Herr Fuchs's lawyers said that he was act-

ing as part of a group.

The four Gypsies lost their lives

near their home in the eastern Austrian province of Burgenland. In another attack by letter-bomb, Helmut Zilk, a former Mayor of Vienna and supporter of minority rights, lost his

Herr Fuchs lost his own arms when an explosive device, which he was carrying at the time of his arrest.

## Russia's teenagers pay price of the sex revolution

FROM ALICE LAGNADO IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN girls are having sex earlier as sex education in schools is abandoned and sexually transmitted diseases are increasing.

The percentage of girls under 16 who have had sex doubled from 16 per cent in 1993 to about 33 per cent in 1995, according to a new study by the Sociological Centre of the Russian Academy of Education.

Thirty-six per cent of boys under to had sex in 1993, and 44

per cent in 1995.
Cases of syphilis have also increased dramatically. The number of teenagers between 15 and 17 who contracted it went up 70-fold between 1990 and 1996, from 5.7 per 100,000 to 389.9, the study found.

The Mascow Times reported that schools, which began to teach sex education for the first time in the 1990s, stopped in 1997 after parents complained about explicit questionnaires given to children.

Although in private Russians are far more open than the British about sex, public education on the subject has barely started. Pornography, which in Soviet times was only found on the black market, is everywhere. Parents and schools have failed to react to this change, leaving children to find out about sex through friends, magazines and televised porn films. Abortion remains the most popular method of contraception.

Médecins Sans Frontières has launched a media campaign to persuade Russian teenagers to use condoms. Hona van de Braak, the campaign coordinator, said that "young people are well informed, but HIV the Aids-related virus is seen as so remote that they take no preventive measures".

Organisers are hoping that Yuri Luzhkov, Moscow's May-or, who backs the Orthodox Church stance against sex edu-cation, will not object. During a similar campaign last year, he ordered posters to be torn down and banned educational advertisements on a governmentbacked television channel.

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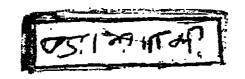




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## Police in Pakistan attack journalists

Islamabad: Several people were hurt vesterday when police attacked hundreds of journalists and press workers protesting against a crackdown on the press that threatens to close Pakistan's leading newspapers (Zahid Hussain writes). A senfor woman journalist received serious head injuries when she was hit by a baton. The largest Urdu and English-language newspapers, the Jang and News on Tuesday, were restricted to two-page editions as the Government blocked their news-print supply and froze their bank accounts.

The Jang group said that it was being victimised because it refused to comply with a government demand that it should dismiss 16 senior journalists and stop printing corruption stories about Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, and his family

### Reshuffle by Yeltsin

Moscow: President Yeltsin reshuffled his executive office yesterday, three days after leaving hospital where he was treated for a bleeding ulcer (Alice Lagnado writes). On an unexpected visit to the Kremlin, Mr Yehsin dismissed four of his six advisers, leaving only his daughter. Tatyana Dyachenko, and Mikhail Zurabov. He also made Aleksei Ogaryev, a presidential Deputy Chief of Staff responsible for defence, into Deputy Secretary of the Security Council where he will fulfil similar duties, and made Sergei Prikhodko, another Deputy Chief of Staff, head of the executive office's foreign policy department.

### Bissau battle kills 35

Lisbon: A fierce battle between government forces and rebels fighting for control of Guinea-Bissau's capital left dozens dead and more than 200 wounded, aid workers said. Wagdi Othman, spokesman for the United Nations World Food Programme, said hospital sources in Bissau had reported counting at least 35 dead and about 220 wounded, mostly civilians. The fighting appeared to mark the disintegration of a November peace accord that had halted a five-month civil war. (AP)

### US jets in new raids

Washington: American aircraft bombed and apparently destroyed a newly-established anti-ship missile site in southern Iraq that could have threatened Gulf shipping, the Pentagon said. Officials said that four jets from the carrier USS Carl Vinson in the Gulf attacked the Russian-made missile battery. US jets also made at least four bombing strikes against anti-aircraft sites in the northern no-fly zone. (Reuters)

### Angolan air crash

Luanda: An Antonov-12 cargo plane, above, crashed into a shanty town in the Angolan capital's suburbs, killing at least 28 people. The plane, owned by a private Angolan company, SavanAir, was returning to Luanda airport 30 minutes after taking off because of a faulty engine. Witnesses said one of the engines was on fire as the plane went down. The aircraft exploded on impact and demolished five houses. (AP)

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Copenhagen: Peter Larsen. 24, married Anna Margrethe Socrensen, 93, to keep her from being put in a hospice by her family, according to Danish reports. Mr Larsen met her when he was a home-help in Gentotte, north of the capital. "A socia worker came to persuade me to divorce, saying my husband was interested only in my house." Mrs Larsen said, but added: "I am not a rich widow. Ours is a love marriage." (AFP)

# President's pal in spotlight

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

AFTER failing to uncover any new bombshells during their interrogation of Monica Lewinsky, prosecutors in the im-peachment trial of President Clinton yesterday turned their attention to his confidant, Ver-

As Mr Jordan, a lawyer and golfing partner of Mr Clinton, was giving his deposition, sen-ators were reviewing in pri-vate the videorape of Ms Lewinsky's testimony.

Those who were in the Washington hotel suite as she was questioned on Monday kept a public silence about what she said.

But news leaked out that she had added almost nothing new to the accounts she had given on 22 other occasions when she testified under oath about her relationship with Mr Clinton.

The former White House trainee was said to have given a polished, unflustered performance as she was questioned for four hours by Ed Bryant, a House of Representatives trial manager.

It appeared that she had been extremely well prepared by her team of lawyers. But while she did not provide anything new to damn Mr Clinton, she stuck with testimony that is already central to the charges of perjury and obstruction of justice against the President

She maintained that she and Mr Clinton indulged in sexual conduct that he has denied under oath and repeated an account of a series of events that prosecutors insist shows that Mr Clinton was obstructing justice by trying to conceal his affair.

Nevertheless, the prosecution will be disappointed that she did not deviate from her story that she was never offered a job to buy her silence and that she was never asked to lie about the affair.

Her confidence was displayed when, in the middle of defence objections about his line of questioning, Mr Bryant retracted a question himself. "See, I'm making my own obiections," he said.

'Sustained!" said Ms Lewinsky, to peals of laughter.

White House lawyers were apparently so untroubled by that they asked no questions of their own. Instead, Nicole Seligman, one of Mr Clinton's personal lawyers, read a one-

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Vernon Jordan, President Clinton's long-time confidant and golf partner, leaving his Washington home yesterday on his way to be questioned

line statement which regretted "on behalf of the President" the ordeal that she had endured. Ms Lewinksy said thank you to Ms Seligman, but gave no further reaction.

Mr Jordan, who had testified five times before the Grand Jury, was expected to questioned intensively about discrepancies between his testimony and that of Ms Lewinsky. He is considered the key player in the efforts that were made to help find Ms Lewinsky a job.

He admits he helped her, but denies he did so to keep her quiet. Prosecutors claim he stepped up his efforts once Ms Lewinsky was called to tesharassment case about the nature of her relationship with Mr Clinton.

The prosecution was under-

stood to be particularly keen to ask Mr Jordan: why Ms Lewinsky said he reviewed her affidavit for the Jones case but he denied this; why she said he told her to destroy drafts of notes to Mr Clinton, but he says this was not the case; why briefings.

he said he had never had breakfast with Ms Lewinsky but she supplied details of what they are; why he had no memory of seeing gifts from Mr Clinton to Ms Lewinsky that she says she showed him. Mr Jordan's interrogator

was Asa Hutchinson, the Arkansas representative and former attorney who prosecuted Mr Clinton's brother. Roger, for cocaine possession most effective of the House prosecutors in the trial so far. Jordan, however, famous for his slick, assured

manner, appeared totally unfazed as he entered the Senate. Wearing a hat with a feather in the band, he smiled and greeted reporters cheerfully as he went in and headed for a secure, soundproofed room normally used for classified

Today prosecutors and White House lawyers will question Sidney Blumenthal, a senior presidential aide.

Tomorrow the 100 Senators will resume the trial and decide whether to air the tapes of the three depositions publicly. Meanwhile, momentum continues to grow for a "finding of facts" motion which could conclude the trial with a

from office. Votes on other mo-

tions last week indicated that

the new Speaker. wrongs Mr Clinton has committed without removing him

Senate is not in favour of con-Clinton victing him on the articles of impeachment.

Challenger bows out: Dick Gephardt, leader of the Demo-

crats in the House of Representatives, is expected to an-nounce today that he will not challenge Vice-President Al Gore for the party's nomina-tion for President in 2000. He will concentrate instead on trying to retake the House from Republicans and becoming

Mr Gephardt has been credited with helping the White House and Democratic candidates to shape the 1998 election as a referendum on the Repubsky investigation. Democrats picked up five seats in the House, narrowing the Republi-

the required two thirds of the

# blush is acne flush

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

WAS that a blush creeping across President Clinton's face as Monica Lewinsky gave her deposition in his impeachment trial? Or pressure? A red-faced Mr Clinton appeared in public on Monday as his former paramour was being questioned about their relationship. But the cause was adult acne rather than embarrassment

Mr Clinton suffers outbreaks of rosacea, a skin condition that leaves him with a face like a beetroot. The cause is often stress. "If someone has rosacea, they always have it, so when they get excited or upset or they have their emotions upset, it'll flare up," said Melvin Elson, a

dermatologist.
To be fair to Mr Clinton. it may have been something he consumed. Rosacea can be brought on by anything that raises blood pressure, such as spicy food or alcohol. Mr Clinton hardly ever touches liquor but he is partial to hot Southern cuisine. Americans will sympa thise with their President. An estimated 13 million of them are fellow sufferers.

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Monica Lewinsky's picture adorns wrappers of chocolate bars with different fillings which went on sale this week in Tbilisi, the capital of the Georgian Republic

# Reform pledge by Venezuela's 'Mr Clean'

HUGO CHAVEZ, 44, who in 1992 led a failed coup in Venez-uela, was sworn in yesterday

He promised to clean up the country's corruption-riddled system, to uphold democracy and pull Venezuelans from the clutches of "cronyism".

The former paratrooper won an overwhelming majority in elections in November after he appeared throughout the country wearing military uniforms and a red beret and promising that he would "fry" corrupt politicians and judges. and would "take from the rich

free-market reforms and with efforts to repay debts and reduce public spending.

His populist speeches initially made investors fittery, but markets have calmed down and now see Señor Chávez as a reforming leader.

Economist are pleased to see that he is following in the steps of President Menem of Argentina, who also came to power on populist speeches but soon became a free-marketeer. "We want to make Venez-

uela into a forward-looking, thriving country and take it out of its backward, bankrupt state," the new President said: We want to attract foreign investment and will show the world that our country is a

thoritarian style of leadership, Venezuelans see him as an upright "Mr Clean" politician.



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# Traditional cure is pick-me-up for Hong Kong

FROM JILL MCGIVERING IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG is launching a new industry with a product that is thousands of years old: Chinese traditional medicine. Old Hong Kong was built on manufacturing, which has largely disappeared to cheap-

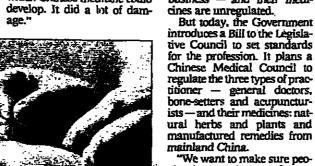
er parts of South-East Asia or southern China. Now, in an attempt to fill the vacuum. there are radical new ambitions to develop the territory into an international centre for Chinese medicine. As interest in holistic medi-

cines grows. Hong Kong - international but now part of China - finds itself in a unique position to cash in.
"Mainland China has a lot

of research and several thou-sand years of experience." says Dr Daniel Tse, a leading

government adviser on the development of Chinese medicine. "But they lack credibility in terms of quality control and knowledge of the world market. These are the things Hong Kong is very good at."

Dr Tse says that, before the Second World War, Chinese medicine was the main service available to the population. But when public health was developed, the Government excluded it from the public sector, although it was still availa-ble privately. The attitude was leave it alone - if it dies, it dies, if it lives, it lives," says Dr Tse. "As a result, there's been no legal framework on which Chinese medicine could



The new plans also fit Hong

Kong's fresh political direc-

tion. The 18 months since the

handover have brought a new

emphasis on Chinese culture.

Schools have been converted to Chinese language teaching

and the Chinese national flag

and anthem are subtly pushed. About half the Hong

Kong population uses Chinese medicine on a regular basis, of-

ten in conjunction with West-

The territory's 7,000 practi-

tioners have varying levels of training, if any. Many work in dimly lit shops lined with shad-

owy jars of herbs, roots and an-

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business - and their medi-

ern drugs.

ple who use it have confidence it is safe," says Katherine Fok. the Secretary for Health and The long-term goal is for all

Chinese medical doctors to be graduates in the subject and have to pass a licensing exami-



Phil the groundhog with handler Bill Dealy after leaving his burrow yesterday

# Groundhog has his day as cruelty campaigners fail

FROM JAMES BONE

PHIL the Groundhog got a nasty surprise when he poked his nose out of his burrow on Gobbier's Knob in the Pennsylvania town of Punxsutawney shortly before dawn yesterday.

Not only did the town's famous giant rodent find thousands of onlookers waiting for him to predict this winter's weather. He also stepped into the centre of a controversy about the use of animals in the midwinter festival known to Americans as Groundhog Day. An old Germanic supersti-

tion, transplanted to the New World, holds that if a groundhog casts a shadow on February 2 - the Christian holiday of Candlemas then bad weather is coming. If there is no shadow, spring

will soon arrive.
It has been 110 years since emigrant Germans began holding Groundhog Day ceremonies in Punxsutawney, making it the leading such event in America.

This year, however, the celebration attracted the wrath of animal rights campaigners who insist that Phil ought to be left in peace. The group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, tried unsuccessfully to enlist Bill Murray, the actor, in a campaign to get the event can-

"Someone's got to speak up for the groundhogs," said Dan Matthews, for the organisation. This poor creature is dragged into the daylight with people scream-



Bill Murray: declined to join the protests

ing at him. You only have to look into his eyes to see how bewildered he is." The organisers in Punxsutawney answer that the nine-yearold Phil lives in comfort, and has his well-being monitored by the state.

The crowd of 15,000 cheered when Phil was unable to see his own shadow meaning an early spring.

Wiarton, Ontario: The crowd at Canada's main Groundhog Day festival mourned the death at 22 of its star groundhog. Wiarton Willie. He was placed in a coffin with his paws crossed. clutching a carrot. (AP)

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# Hussein 'holding up' after operation

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KING HUSSEIN of Jordan yesterday completed his second bone marrow transplant in two months in a desperate attempt by doctors in the US to halt the spread of lymphatic cancer and postpone the serious instability that his death would provoke in the Middle East.

Speaking from the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, Jordan's Ambassador to the US, Marwan Muasher, said after the transplant was completed that the 63-year-old monarch was "holding up very well" but "he is going to go through a difficult period for the next two weeks. He will be under close monitoring in case of complications either from the bone marrow or chemotherapy".

The ambassador said that the early

indications were "very good". He added that during the crucial two-week monitoring period "every day that passes is a plus for him — increases his chances". Foreign medical experts said that it was

possible the King might spend the fort-night sealed in an immunisation tent to minimise the danger of infection which in his weak condition could prove lethal.

Part of the tragedy of the King's relapse, only days after his triumphant homecoming supposedly cured after six months of treatment in the United States, resulted from possible infection arising from his shaking hands with or embracing more than 2,000 of his citizens and riding 15

miles in the rain in an open-top car.

Last night millions of Jordanians were turned to foreign broadcasting stations or using the Internet to get word of the King's health, as censorship in the Jordanian press and television has made them mistrustful of ever finding out the truth from their own media.

### Ban on live TV audience

Jerusalem: Israel state television and radio yesterday banned audiences from live political programmes as a leading show host expressed fears that someone might be killed during a broadcast (Ross Dunn writes).

An unruly mob of pro-gov ernment supporters hurled abuse and spat at opposition political figures during a cur-

### Threat of Timor war grows with United Nations peace-FROM DAVID WATTS

AUSTRALIA'S leading nongovernmental aid agency said last night that civil war was inevitable in East Timor unless Indonesian troops withdrew

The Australian Council for Overseas Aid wrote to Alexander Downer, the Foreign Minister, urging prompt action to

speed the removal of Jakarta's

troops and their replacement

keepers. "Our letter sets out our deep concern that civil war is inevitable, if not imminent, in East Timor unless there is some quick and strong action to defuse the situation." Janet Hunt, the director, said.

For the past two decades the Australian Government has toed the Jakarta line, for fear of displeasing the Indonesian Government or jeopardising oil and gas agreements.

The commander of the Indo-

nesian Army, General Wiran-to, admitted yesterday that supporters of East Timor's integration with Indonesia are being armed amid reports that thousands of villagers are fleeing clashes between pro- and anti-integrationist forces southwest of the capital, Dili. Meanhile Jakarta yesterday decided to give greater autonomy to regional administrations, which have long resented Jakarta's control over their natural resources and development.

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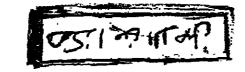
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# Wake me in a year or so...

A US anaesthetist believes that suspended animation may soon be possible, bringing significant medical advances. Anjana Ahuja reports

an human beings hibernate? Surgeons hoping to perform certain operations, such as delicate neurosurgery, are able to cool patients down so much that their life signs disappear for about an hour. Now some have started searching for techniques that will allow people to be "shut down" indefinitely.

The spin-offs would be tremendous - people needing organ transplants could be "suspended" until suitable organs are found. Severe burns victims, who normally die from infections within days, could be cooled down to temperatures too



Professor John Hartung

low for bacteria to thrive. While they are suspended, patches of their own skin could be grown for grafts. Space travellers could be put into suspended animation and reawakened at far-off destinations.

While cryogenicists — who advo-cate deep-freezing bodies so they can be thawed out at a later date cannot look to the living world for proof that their technique will work, there are plenty of warm-blooded mammals, such as bats and dormice, for whom hibernation

is part of their natural life cycle. The cooling technique already in use carries risks and is therefore used only on patients likely to die

dates. The first step in the procedure is to insert a heart bypass. Then the circulating blood is passed through a machine, which cools it. At between 14C and 18C (normal body temperature is 37C). circulation stops. There is no pulse, no heartbeat, no electrical signals. (Yogis can reportedly achieve this through willpower alone.) Neurosurgeons can then enter the brain and dip out the aneurysm.

"If you don't cool the patient down and stop their circulation, it's like working on a car with the engine running," says John Hartung. Professor of Anaesthesiology at the State University of New York. Even so, there is no guarantee that patients will emerge unscathed from the experience — about one in five dies. The difficulty is not the surgery itself," he says. "It's when you cool things down.

The problem lies with the nerve cells in the brain that ferry messages back and forth. Professor Hartung explains: "Nerve cells send signals by opening channels that al-low sodium to flow into the cells and potassium to flow out. When the patient is cooled down, these channels are plugged. However, sodium continues to leak through the plug into the nerve cells. So when the patient is warmed up again, the nerve cells become overwhelmed with sodium. Water moves around to compensate and this causes swelling. Blood can't push through because of the high pressure, and that's the end of the patient. What's going on in the brain can be compared to a battery; if left for long enough, the battery goes dead and can't be recharged. Professor Hartung, who features

in a documentary to be shown next week on the satellite channel UK Horizons, is a vociferous supporter of research into human hiberna-tion. He feels that the key to success lies in dealing with the leaking sodi-um. He has been experimenting on rats, using tetrodotoxin (TTX), a poi-son found in the puffer fish. In small doses, the poison causes paralysis. In large quantities, it is fa-tal. Strangely, puffer fish are re-garded as a delicacy in Japan. However, brave diners are at the mercy of cheis who must hold licences to cook the fish. While a small within a year. Those with a giant amount of TTX is said to cause a basalar artery aneurysm -- the pleasurable fingling, about 70 peo-



Mel Gibson in the film Forever Young — a Hollywood fantasy, perhaps, but some scientists believe that a form of suspended animation can be achieved within five years

ing. The poison has also been invoked to explain the phenomenon of zombies — people who apparently rise from the grave. Haitian medicine men who apparently have the power to turn people into the "undead" are known to use puffer fish in their herbal preparations. It is conceivable that "zombies" are individuals who have simply gone into temporary paralysis.

shut down sodium channels in the swelling of a blood artery close to ple die each year from TTX poison- brain - exactly what is needed to to TTX, which does not exist. How- Washington, is cautious: "There sound fanciful but it isn't far- zons on Monday at 9pm.

counter the problem of sodium leakage. "I have given TTX to rats. cooled them down from their normal temperature of 38C right down to IC, kept them there for a couple of hours, and then brought them back," Professor Hartung explains.
"The problem was it didn't always work. I wasn't always able to wake them. I didn't know how to remove

working again.' What he needed was an antidote

the TTX to get the sodium channels

ever, a few groups around the world, including researchers in the United States Army, claim to have found chemicals that greatly diminish TTX's deadliness.

Professor Hartung, who plans to explore these new findings, thinks that, with the will and the money, the first patients could be going into "shutdown" within five years. Professor John Hallenbeck, of the National Institute of Neurologi-

cal Disorders and Stroke, near

derstood how it takes place in animals. We do not know how hibernation is orchestrated, or what the master signals are." He still hopes that such research may lead to treatments for circulato-

are undoubted benefits in applying

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fetched". Cryogenics, though, is "rather silly".
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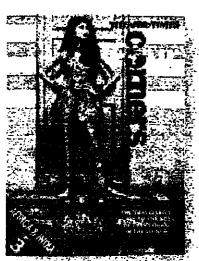
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# BE A TRAVELLER, NOT A TOURIST.



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# Capturing the comet's tail search Organisation. With collaboration from scientists

collect samples of air at different heights. If the pansper-

mia hypothesis is true, the

Earth is bombarded by mi-

cro-organisms from outer

space, which we cannot detect

because they are identical to

those already present on the

dust satellite is due for launch from Cape Canaveral in Florida, bound for the comet Wild 2. Its aim is to capture the comet's tail and bring it back to Earth. The tiny dust particles that make up the tail could help to answer a question once dismissed as scarcely worth consideration: did life begin in space? When Sir Fred Hoyle and

Professor Chandra Wickra-masinghe, of Cardiff University, suggested this 20 years ago, they were ignored. But the discovery of organic chemicals on Halley's Comet, and the claims made in 1996 of the detection of

microfossils in a meteorite from Mars, changed things. Investigations of panspermia (as the theory is called) came to be seen as legitimate, says Professor Wickra-masinghe, but unfortunately they were too late to influence the experiments on Stardust, which do not include any search

He is putting his faith in a cheaper ex-periment planned by the Indian Space Re-



**SCIENCE BRIEFING** 

Nigel Hawkes

Earth's surface.
Previous balloon experi-ments have detected micro-organisms at heights of almost 25 miles. There was also a hint that the number of microbes increased with altitude, which would certainly support the idea of an extraterrestrial source. But in the 1960s and 1970s, comparatively primitive tech-

niques made it difficult to eliminate the possibility of contamination by microbes from the surface of the Earth. The key, then, is to ensure absolute sterility of the pumps that will suck in the air, and highly sensitive techniques for de-tecting any bacteria or other microbes in

the air once it has been brought back to Earth. Microbes of extraterrestrial origin at Cardiff, it intends to launch would be expected to contain different ratios of isotopes of carbon, oxygen and hy-drogen from terrestrial ones, enabling a clear identification to be made. a series of balloons into the stratosphere and use them to

How many microbes might be picked up? Professor Wickramasinghe has attempted a calculation. It is estimated that about 500 tons of extraterrestrial material reaches the Earth from space every day. Any microbes contained within it would be starved of nutrients and in a state of suspended animation, which means they would be very small. Estimating their mass, and guessing that one particle in every 100 reaching the Earth is a microbe, he concludes that there might be as many as 1,000 per litre of air at a height of 30km. Since the balloon can take a sample of 50 to 100 litres of air, it could capture as many as 100,000 microbes - well above the detection level.

The balloon could be flown by the end of this year, at a cost of £150,000. Most will be provided by the Indian Government, but the UK end of the project needs to raise £50,000. Grants are to be sought from the research councils - but other sources would be equally welcome.

### Magnetic migration



LAST YEAR the magnetic north pole migrated north by 20km, measurements taken in Greenland by the Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI) show. This is 10 per cent faster than a year ago, and "the quickest movement since we started

measurements in Greenland in 1928", says Torsten Neubert, the head of the DMI's solar terrestrial physics department. The magnetic pole constantly moves, because the interior

Web (http://physicsweb.org) Dr Neubert thinks that the accelerating movement and the weakening of the field by I per cent in the past decade means another flip could occur by the end of the next millennium. This would be bad news. "In the period up to a reversal, the magnetic field would lose its strength and no longer be able to protect Earth from radiation from space. We could be exposed to violent cosmic radiation," he says. But other physicists suggest that the pole would have to be moving to-wards the Equator, not the

erate the magnetic field are in-constant. In the past the poles

have flipped over many times, north becoming south and vice

versa. According to Physics

true pole, to make a flip likely.

### The safe **syringe**



ges are de-signed to be used once, then thrown away.

In reality they are often used more than once, particularly by drug addicts. Sharing syringes increases the risk of infection, and the fact that used ones still have needles sticking out of them poses a danger to doctors, dustmen and anybody else who comes across them. The ideal would be a syringe which, once used, retracted its needle and became both useless and safe.

The Sintel group, a contract research organisation based in Norway, says it has achieved this. Its new needle is mounted against the pressure of a spring, and locked in place by a small "bolt" made from alginates, the carbohydrates made by seaweeds and widely used as thickening agents in the food industry.

Alginates are soluble in wa-

ter, and all medications being injected are dissolved in water. so as soon as the syringe is filled, the locking bolt starts to dissolve. Within minutes the bolt dissoives and the spring pulls the needle back into the hody of the syringe, out of harm's way. This gives plenty of time to use it, but only once.

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# 'You havin' a baby?' asks the cab driver, incredulously

Tuesday: Joanna is de-pressed. The due date for our baby has come and gone with no sign of nativity. This morning BabyCentre.com, the website for the expectorunti, has fired off an automatically generated message of congratulations, based on our due date. The long wait is finally over it confidently pronounces. You've delivered your baby, brought him home, and

- now what?" Well-meaning friends keep calling to see if we have produced, and with each call Joanna gets more fretful, "I feel like this baby is never going to come out," she moans. She deals with her mounting frustration in a New York kind of way. She goes shopping. With every deadline-defying day we accumulate more infantalia. Baby tschotkes (baubles) line the nursery, stuffed toys spill off the shelves, there are piles of chenille receiving blankers, drawers full of Babygros. Today's addition is a musical mobile of the solar system, with the Earth, Moon, Saturn and an arbitrary star revolving slowly around a smiling yellow Sun to the tune of

Brahms's Lullaby. I assemble it and wind up the melody a couple of times and already the tune is driving me nuts. J find myself humming a sinister interpretation of it, like the soundtrack to a horror movie.

Wednesday: "Oh, how humillating," Joanna groans. She has received another e-mail. this time from a couple in our birthing class - Susan, the lawyer, and Neta, the Israeli computer-programmer proudly announcing the suc-

cessful birth of their baby daughter. They were supposed to be two weeks after us," she complains. "It's not a race, you know,"

I point out, but Joanna is in no mood for placation. "We should be enjoying this time," I say, "it'll be the last time we have alone together, the last time we have any peace." But the truth is I am humming with impatience myself, eager to end this dragging transition and get on with trying to make all those compromises that friends have gleefully warned us about.

My conversation with Joanna is giving me a headache as her eye-line keeps bobbing



about. She is bouncing on her Gymnic ball, a vast blue plas-tic inflated ball, reminiscent of those Space Hoppers of our youth but without the stubby handles to hold on to. She has read somewhere that diligent Gymnic ball bouncing can help to induce labour. "A baby is not something you

dislodge," I object. "And neither is it some foetal dangerous-sports junkie who comes flying down the birth canal like a bungee-jumper, hang-ing on to the umbilical cord for dear life."

Behind my bluster, however, there lurks a deep appre-hension. Somehow, in the

me into my own muscles. I lift

weights at the gym now. I am

Yesterday I had a bad after-

noon, and then I noticed a bit

of beauty. "Stop checking the

stove for a moment." Bennett

said to me. "Come watch my

tector. Bennett comes into the

hall, rubbing one eye, and

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I wish I was 100 per cent in

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process of birthing classes. Joanna has fallen in thrall to our birthing instructor's proselytising zeal for natural birth and I seem to have been manocurred into the role of labour coach. The whole thing strikes me as slightly scary; I feel as if we have snumbled into a cult. This is not what I wanted at all. I had imagined myself pacing expectantly about the waiting room, a couple of vintage cigars in my top pocket, waiting for a starched nurse with hair clipped to her hat to announce the birth of my child. Now I have been conscripted to the sharp end – no place for a male civilian.

given over to medical probing. At St Luke's Roosevelt Hospital on 60th Street, a silent Chinese technician carries out a sonogram to check that the baby is still dunked in suffi-cient amniotic fluid. Apparently it is. Then on to an appointment with the obstetrician on Central Park West. I stand in the corner of the surgery, fac-ing the wall, pretending to inspect a family planning calendar while Joanna hops on to the examining chair. Each of

Thursday: Our entire day is

thoughtfully sleeved in a striped oven glove.

"If there are still no signs of labour by early next week, we will have to perform an intervention." the obstetrician says. This, it seems to me, is the language of Special Forces, up there with

surgical strikes. The vocabularies of medicine and war seem to be converging. When we get home, Joan-Gymnic bouncing is particularly frantic. She cannot bear the humiliation of having to be induced. At 7pm she comes into my study. pale-faced. "I think I may be hav-

ing contractions." This is not an especially noteworthy remark however, as she says it most days. But as the evening wears on, the contractions become stronger and quicker. At 10.30, we phone the obstetrician on call who sounds reluctant to come in all the way from her home in Nyack, a pretty faux fish-

Lauren Slater: "On the days that Prozac works, I am powered beyond me, and pushed into a realm where unfair advantage becomes mine"

the stirrups, I notice, has been thoughtfully sleeved in a of the Hudson, an hour from the city, for a possible case of

false labour. Two hours later Joanna is gasping with the pain of it, pacing about and trembling

uncontrollably. I try to time the contractions but I appear to have forgotten even the most basic tenets of my In-

Joanna tensive Lamaze Birthing Course. emits a long Do you time from the beginning of one congroan and traction to the end of the next? Or his eyes from the end of one to the end of the following one? widen in At 2am, Joanna can bear the pain no longer and I buzz down to the

doorman and ask him to hail a cab. We stand silently in the descending lift surrounded by sufficient baggage for a longhaul holiday, and I realise that we will, if all goes well, be returning with a third person. The overnight doorman is girded against the freezing damp in a uniform that

tanian general on a Gilbert and Sullivan stage.

The very best of luck, sir." he wishes. He pumps my hand cordially and holds open the cab door. As I duck into the cab I see that the illuminated neon wedge on its roof features a pair of cuffed wrists. "I-800-Innocent," its caption touts, when you're only allowed to make one call." The taxi driver tips up the peak of his baseball cap and checks out the scene in his rear-view mirror. Joanna emits a long, quavering groan and his eyes widen in alarm. "You havin' a baby?" he asks incredulously, as though no one in Manhattan could be so

primitive as to procreate. "I bloody well hope so." pants Joanna and the driver roars off, savouring the moment of drama on an otherwise sleepy week night. Soon we are hurtling down the deserted concrete canyon of West End Avenue, treating the string of late amber lights and early reds against us like so much surplus Christmas decoration.

PETER GODWIN

# Prozac is no longer my lover

fell in love one daywith my pill. not a person. Prozac brought me to pumpkin muffins, yellowfin tuna and plum sauce. It brought me to Harvard, where I was accepted to study -- what else? -- psychology. So eventually my heart was wooed.

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Then, in a way I can't quite define. I came to need it. I began to fear a nuclear war only for the effect that it would have on pharmacies. As I rode on the broad back of Prozac, I felt the hospitals were far away. I got used to health, then I got good at it. Ivy League school. Friends.One morning, I woke reaching for Prozac the way you reach for his hand. My fist closed on the bottle, the connec-

I decided to accept Prozac completely, to declare it an essential, inseparable part of me, my partner in life. To mark this transition. I moved out of my basement apartment. I'd been living in that dank place for longer than I could recall. I loved my new place. The French doors, the white walls, the floors of piled oak. At school, for the first time, I got all the good grades and impressed people. I took piles of courses. Into my life at this time came a real man. It that Bennett was a chemist, that he passed his time among

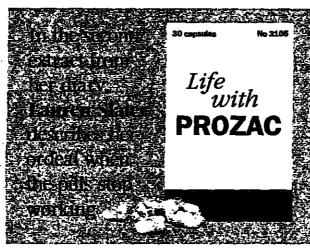
swan-throated glassware and Pyrex pipettes, that in the back pocket of his khakis he always kept a copy of the atomic chart. which he liked to read to me instead of romantic poetry.

In the midst of my affairs with my medicine and my boyfnend, I decided to take a trip. Mental illness has

lous repetition. I was a boring madwoman. Almost all I could discuss was the number of times 1'd tapped on the stove, the number of calories I'd consumed or how blah 1 felt. Somewhere in the world, I knew, there were golden cupolas and oceans that looked like moving marble. Now, a well woman, i wanted some part of it. I decided on Kentucky because that's where I got the grant to do the thesis research that would support my trip. I went in the summer, a terrible time to go, the temperatures

hit 100F day in, day out What did I know? What did my doctor know? He was East European, and couldn't warn me about the weather in the South. But he might have warned me about other things. "Great idea." said the doctor, writing a three-month prescription - 278 pills, enough to fill four fat amber vats.

I, who had barely been out of Boston, drove across the country, powered by the passion of Prozac. I began having trouble sleeping. Two weeks into my trip, I woke up a madwoman again: the Prozac had stopped working. I started to tap and touch things. Crack-



complete.

It was also humiliating. "She is odd," I heard Great-Aunt Mary whisper to Kat, the mother of the family who had kindly agreed to house me.

"May I use your phone?" I squeaked. From across the country I heard the ringing in the doctor's office: he was on vacation. "Come to church," Kat said.

"You're suffering from some city sickness." She reached out. smoothed back my sweaty hair. She led me to the preachshould come as no surprise er. who painted a cross of oil on my forehead and told God to get a move on and make me well right here.

Crack-ups

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Right now. "I'm well," I said,

blinking.
"She's well!" the preacher shouted in jubilant tones. The church went overdrive, everyone clapping and praising the Lord. I felt guilty: I didn't feel any betthought it would be polite to say I did.

many qualities, They practically foremost among wanted to crown them its smallness and ridicume for letting the Lord in, and so quickly at that. Oh, it was nothing, I said, smiling. I was bothered by the feeling of oil on my forehead. I swore it was dripping. I kept wanting to

count the drips. it took Kat and Great-Aunt Mary only a few hours to see that I was not well. A soon as they saw me walking back-wards, they knew. "The Lord works in mysterious ways." I said. "If He has entered my life once, maybe He will again." I wasn't picturing the Lord when I said that. I was, of course, picturing Prozac.

Then the doctor finally got back. I was sick as a dog. What happened? I said, frantic

"It's Prozac poop-out." "Why didn't you warn me?" I asked. "I had really come to love, I mean depend, on this stuff, for my functioning." "It's OK," the doctor said.

"We can up your dose." What happens when we have a poop-out problem with the higher dose? Do we keep upping my dose until I die?"
But I wasn't going to take more, and get better, only to fall flat on my face again. The with the pill back. And I didn't see how that would happen,

at the illness, the rage at the

nel moved off. is also the beginning. Over the next few days, even in sions, moments occurred, split-second snappings of a shut-ter, the click of freedom. Then closed. I

wondered if I could make these snippets enough for me, A week after the devil duster, I followed the doctor's suggestion and upped my dose. I didn't die. I am still

cisely because I learnt, in that field in Kentucky, that I didn't absolutely need to, that if the higher dose betrayed me. I had found something in myself to fall back on. The higher dose did help, though. Some of the one two three; tap tap tap, step on the crack or break your mother's back receded, but Prozac never again made me as well as it once had. It is not my lover any longer, but over the very long haul has become a friend, whose presence can considerably ease pain but cannot erase it. And, really, the relationship is better that way even though I mourn the pass-

the great break-up has forced

now that I had been betrayed. Maybe I was tired of grovelling. Or maybe, more likely, the rage at the doctor, the rage

two-timing pill, rose up and ran over. Because there was a time, at the end of my Kentucky trip, when things shifted. Exhausted with counting and checking, I had finally fallen into a dreamless sleep. I woke up suddenly, a howl in my mouth, my hands clenched. And then I was outside, walking, pushing past the need to count before every blessed step. I was sick of being betrayed. I was sick of being so thoroughly and pathetically passive. I was walking, thinking these angry thoughts, when from across the field I saw a funnel form, black and spinning, almost woolly. Good. A tornado. I'd punch it out. No problem. I had lost my mind. I held my ground as this bit of black weather approached me. My mind got very quiet. I lifted Then the fun-

repetitions and the grief cannot be counted. I had come to the end, which "Come down from there," my Bennett says. I come down. "You're obsess I'd really ing," he says. "A blip in the serotoncome to in system." He comforts me, takes me to him, and in his love, I touch I feel how I

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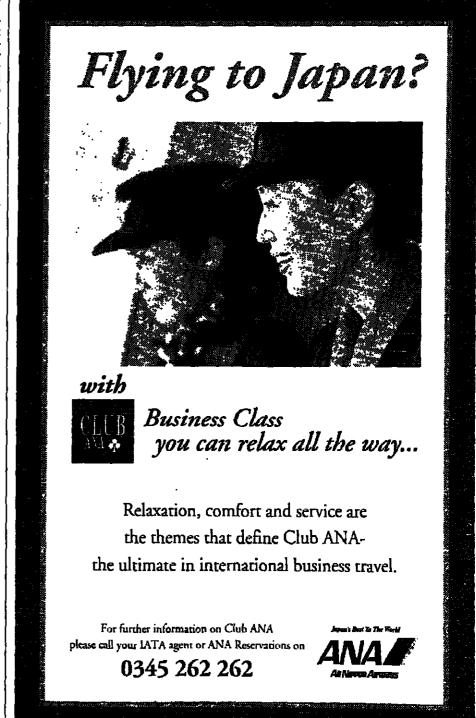
I started the drug. Sometimes my hands shake. Last night l felt an odd flutter in my eyes. I know Prozac can have long-term side-effects, but because it is still relatively new, researchers can't say exactly what those might be. Lately I have become concerned about Prozac and memory. I have tried to stop taking the drug several times. I always break up. Maybe not at first. There have been a few weeks when I soared through space, and saw the stars as peaceful. But eventually. there's a little splitting sound, then a big kaboom, and the wreckage is a mess. Last time I tried going off it I became ob-

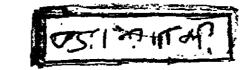
sessed with dogs and spent \$600 on books about them. But I am also aware that on the days Prozac works, I am powered beyond me. and pushed into a realm where unfair advantage becomes mine. It could be that my "amazing" productivity (completion of a doctoral programme in two years, becoming a psychologist, director of the clinic where I now work, lecturer. writer and furniture restorer) is not so much due to the "cure" but to the experience of illness, which means I grasp whatever I can, take in time as though it were in short supply.

Prozac takes much away my cognition may be fraying. and my libido may be downbut its presence in my life has been about preserving as well as decaying. About remember-ing as well as forgetting.

● Extracted from Prozac Diary, to be published this month by Hamish Hamilton at £9.99. Times readers can buy it for E8.99 through The Times Bookshop, 0990-134 459.

● LINKS: all responsible websites emphasise that you should see your doctor before you consider taking Prozac. www.mentalhealth.com/ drug/p30-p05.html: the Mental Health site, designed by a Canadian psychiatrist, has a useful list of information





# Slaves to political correctness

Sense and sensitivity conflict

in this multicultural nation

t has been a week when race, once again, has seemed a candidate for America's most intractable It is not that there has been

a new act of racist brutality. although there has been a powerful reminder of one. with the preliminaries beginning in the trial of three white Texans who are accused of dragging a black man to death. The latest provocation has not been tragic but. instead, bitterly comic. The nation has been divided by one wayward word. The "niggardly" row, as it has become known, has swept the country. driving Monica Lewinsky from the scripts of talk show hosts and late-night comics.

The affair erupted when a white Washington city official lost his job for using "niggardly in a budget meeting. The word caused offence to a black colleague who misunderstood its meaning. The first two syllables were taken as a

slight.
The official in question. David Howard, was until January 27 the head of Washington's Office of Public Advocale. The word was appropriately used: the city's budget is, indeed, mean and pinched. But after ten days of accusations that he had used the "N-word", Mr Howard resigned, making an abject apology for his failure to foresee potential misunderstanding by those unfamiliar

with the word. It was not just those outside the United States who found the action ridiculous and outrageous. Columnists and newspaper editorials across the country denounced the linguistic lynching and the "tyranny of

the crippling political correctness, and miss the extent to which racial relations in America are no joke. The hair-trigger sensitivities of this week's farce show that the question of what it takes to glue so many different

It is easy to mock

types of people together into one country is still unsettled. It was no surprise that the dispute happened in the capital. During the lengthy ste-wardship of the city's Mayor. Marion Barry, it has been a showcase for racial tension at its worst. Mr Barry was a figurehead for many as a result of his leading role in the 1960s Civil Rights movement, but his period in office was marked by incompetence and

racial division. The "niggardly" row star-tled many, however, because it happened under a new Mayor who promised a fresh start. The current incumbent, Anthony Williams, is black and Harvard-educated. He has been hailed as the city's saviour by much of its middle class, both black and white. But he is already under fire from some black commentators for "not being black enough". Sensitivity to that complaint is thought to be part of the reason why Mr Williams instantly accepted Mr Howard's resignation, even though Mr Howard had been

key to his election campaign. And even though academics took his side. Linguistic profes-sors had their 15 minutes of fame, telling the nation that

"niggardly" had its roots in the middle-English word for miserly, while the "N-word" for which it had been mistaken was derived from Spanish or Latin. By many, that argument was taken as the end of the matter. Julian Bond, the chairman of the Board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, called "niggardly" a "perfectly good word".

But it was striking how many people felt that the word's origins were irrelevant. "It just sounds so bad" was one common response. Jesse Jackson, preacher and civil rights leader, spoke for many when he said: "You've got to be pretty heavy to get into the Scandinavian roots of a word from two centuries ago."

It would be a rash politician who now used the word. In fact, it is probably doomed now to disappear from American debate. It is not that America is losing its passion for the principle of free speech. The dispute came just as a federal court blocked a popular new law which would require Internet pornography sites to demand a credit card number or other proof of being an adult before giving access. Granting an injunction against the Act. the judge said that children would suffer more in the end from the erosion of their rights under the First Amendment to the Constitution than they would from exposure to

> smut. The debate is a painful reminder of the suspiciousness towards language that runs through American public life. In a deeply symbolic culture, given to much analysis of what is really

meant" by a phrase or a gesture, words matter. Offence is quickly taken. Neither in Congress nor on television is there the confident verbal rough-housing of

Jeremy Paxman. Even more, though, the dispute shows how deeply the sores of racial tension run, 134 vears after the end of the Civil War. It is a reminder of how deeply the ideals of the American project were compromised from the start by slavery, and the power racial issues retain to split the country.

the House of Commons or a

f course, the "niggardly" row is absurd. Farce aside, it also represents a worrying principle. To all the rights in the Constitution, many would like to see a new one added: the right not to be offended, even if for an unerly irrational reason. That instinct is not just illiberal but inapplicable in practhe country's racial legacy, it is hard to dismiss the row as a ioke. Political correctness is the country's balm of choice

for past hatred. "Niggardly" will not be the last word to fall victim to the spreading realm of the taboo. It is a minor casualty of the fact that the great American experiment started from an untenable point, and the country has not yet succeeded in making its black citizens feel

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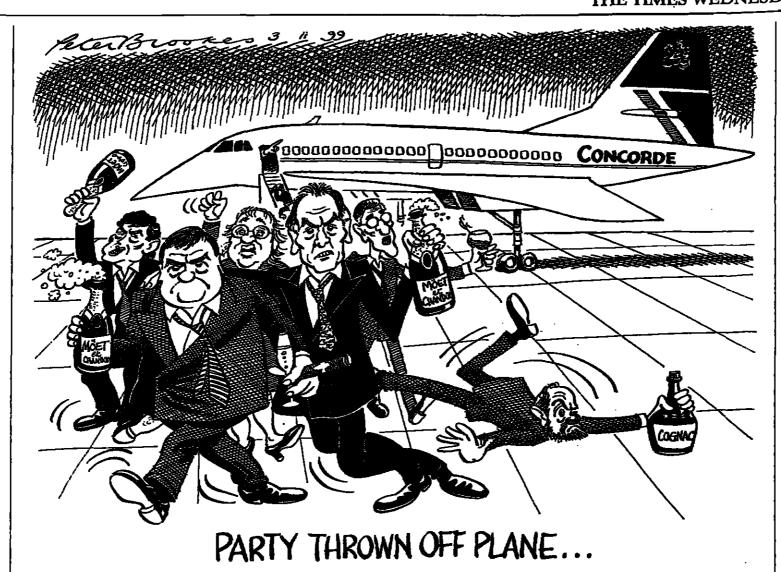
quential witterings with which I

normally pester your Wednes-days! How packed to the gun-wales with stout concrete stuff,

not merely graphic and informa-tive, but invaluable to readers

still undecided about what to

wear or drink or smoke or sit in



# Married to the mob

he East Side Mob always did their own collecting. The black sedan would screech to a halt. Two men would enter the speakeasy and glide behind the curtain. Briefcases would change hands. The big one would smile, while the small one counted. "Dat," said the big one. "is my accountant. He go to college. He makes up da figures." Some day later the big one was found in the river with concrete shoes. The small

Ever since Robert Maxwell disappeared in 1991 from the deck of his yacht, I have been awaiting news of the small one. Four hundred companies went under. Thousands of pensioners were robbed. Four hundred million pounds disappeared. Maxwell's acolytes had to take refuge at the court of King Blair. But the small man stayed vanished. He had taken with him, it was said, a cool £4 million in fees. He was

known only as Coopers & Lybrand. Yesterday he broke cover. He was seen at his club. The club is called the accountancy profession's watchdog, the Joint Disciplinary Scheme (JDS). It gave the loudest tut-tut it has ever emitted. While remarking that a more competent audit might have led to the "earlier recognition and exposure" of Maxwell's frauds, it could not find it in its heart to savage the mighty house of Coopers, especially in the now even mightier guise of the absurdly named "PricewaterhouseCoopers". It fined the firm a mere £1.2 million plus £2.1 million costs, hardly a single year's Maxwell audit fee. Needless to add, the money will not go to those whom Maxwell robbed. It will go to finance the JDS. Accountants, like lawyers, never lose. Self-censure is not so much a

punishment, more a duelling scar. Some of my best friends are accountants. Theirs can be a noble vocation. I have watched accountants save from disaster factories, schools, clubs, orchestras, theatre companies, even newspapers. They are the keeper of every purse, restraining the over-enthusiastic. the over-enterprising and the merely extravagant. Their metronomic calendar keeps us in order until the Great Reckoning in the sky. And of all accountants, external auditors are the noblest, beholden not to mere firms but to the shareholders,

the public and the law. A group of inarticulate London policemen have had their lives and reputations torn asunder for incomAuditors turned a blind eye to

crookery, and yet their power grows

petent pursuit of the Lawrence case. They had failed to honour the trust placed in them by the community.

The media treated them with all the contempt it could muster. The external auditor is also a policeman. except that he is paid by the policed. This conflict of interest is excused with an appeal to professional integrity. An external auditor may be accountable to a firm for his fee, but to his profession for his judgment. I am tempted to conclude that what in a working-class occupa-

tion would be seen as blatantly corrupt, in a middleclass one is a badge

Maxwell Coopers' biggest cli-ent, netting the partnership tens of millions in fees over 15 years of scrutiny. In his biography of Maxwell, Tom Bower refers to his "relationship with the partners at Coopers, whose tolerance, understanding, and willing-ness to take the publisher's assurances on trust were a great comfort to

him". Coopers had Cowling is the been Maxwell's auditors since the strangest joke of all. "In our 1970s, just after Trade Department inspectors had declared him unsuited to run a public company. This did not put Coopers — or a galaxy of Labour notables — on their guard.

According to yesterday's JDS report. Coopers' man at Maxwell's, the late Peter Walsh, was "of the old school". In accountancy-speak this meant that Walsh was under the spell of the man who paid his bills, and inclined his juniors to conduct favourable reports. At the subsequent inquiry. Coopers employees constantly pleaded the auditor's "fifth amendment": that their job was only to approve what was shown them. Their job was not to watch cash or intercompany loans. Yet they signed accounts which inflated the value of Maxwell firms and enabled him to continue his borrowings and frauds. This contin-ued while every journalist was

screaming Maxwell's crookedness up and down Fleet Street, gagged only by lawyers whom he lubricated

as well as his auditors. The JDS report concludes that "no member of the firm was suborned and there was no dishonesty". Instead Coopers partners were guilty only of what are called "quality of work" failings. These include "lack of objectivity and scepticism ... and shortcomings in both vigilance and diligence ...

which might have led to the earlier recognition and exposure of the reality of what was happening". All of this, apparently, should in no way disqualify the four part-ners named in the report from continuing to practise. incompe Gross tence in an accountant is formally declared to be no

ground for dismissal. The only penalty imposed on individual partners is a tut-tut and in the case of one of them, John Cowling, a The fine on Mr

judgment," says the report, "the most serious of complaints in such circumstances could not justify a fine greater than £700." At first I assumed this to be a misprint. Surely for a tycoon of the profession found guilty in the worst case ever judged by his disciplinary body, the figure must be \$700,000 on each complaint, or perhaps £70,000? But no, the fines on each count were of £400-£650, totalling £11,050. How does that compare with a negligent surgeon, banker, or travel agent, or the £2 million Carlton's film-makers were fined by the Independent Television Commission for falsely reconstructing a scene in a documentary? Such fines are an insult to every Maxwell pensioner, and a parody of self-regulation.

Accountants are claiming an every bigger role, not just in "corporate governance" but in pub-

lic administration. Like health and safety inspectors, they answer not to democracy (except via some puny Commons committee) but to their profession. Just as private sector audit is revealed by the Maxwell affair as "fees without responsibility", so public sector audit is power without responsibility. Professional auditors "approved" such grands guignois as the Crown Agents, the British Library, Hackney and Lambeth councils and the administration of housing benefit. If that is audit, Heaven help us all.

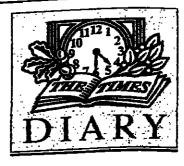
The present Government is obsessed with value-for-money audit or VFM. This is a "top down" management technique, embracing performance indicators, objectives monitoring, output measurement and that annual orgy of mechanistic audit, the league table. Discretion once exercised by elected ministers and local councils has passed to such bodies as the local Audit Commission and the National Audit Office. They embody the triumph of the quantifiable over the important. They measure police car speeds, not neighbourhood security. The Audit Commission draws lovely league tables but does not blow the whistle on corruption or maladministration. It is the monkey that sees, hears and speaks no evil.

n his pamphlet The Audit Explosion (Demos), Michael Power issued a warning that audit was coming to assume "the status of an all-purpose solution to the problems of administrative control". It offered Whitehall a framework for keeping power while presenting an illusion of devolution. Value-for-money audit enabled ministers to tell teachers, doctors and policemen their preferred "performance measures", and then to blame them for failing to deliver. It is a control freak's charter, embodied in the person of David Blunkett. Mr Blunkett will not rest until every teacher and child in the land is under his statistical thumb from dawn to dusk.

Best-value audit is becoming the state religion of "Blatcherism". Not a ministerial speech passes without genuflexion to its name. So it must be. But who will audit the auditors? Surely it cannot be left to a profession that admits it should have fingered Robert Maxwell long before he set sail - but preferred instead to take his shilling.

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bilities: why not introduce snap-



# Major oddity

GROUND control to John Major: the former PM's father inspired David Bowie to write Space Oddity, his seminal Sixties anthem.

Bowie tells me that he wrote about "Major Tom", the doomed astronaut. after remembering a fading theatre bill advertising Tom

Major's circus act (left).

When Bowie (right) wrote the tune in 1969, Tom Major-Ball was living in Brixton, having left the circus to run his faltering gnome enterprise, and the singer — yet to grace the hit parade — was strumming in nearby Bermondsey.

Assuming this tale to be imaginative, I ask Bowie: "No, no," he assures me. "That is pretty close to the mark, but there is debate about dates." Bowie has, I understand. some trouble recalling the period.





• JUST how badly do Tony Blair and Gordon Brown get on? Lord Lamont of Lerwick says: "The thesis that Blair and Brown are at each other's throats is nonsense. They get on far better than Margaret and Nigel — or John Major and I.

### Clerical cruise

former Bishop of Durham is to go cruising. The Right Rev David Jenkins is to join a Swan Hellenic cruise of Greece and Turkey as a guest lecturer. Among his companions will be Lord Charteris of Amisfield, the Queen's former private secretary and erstwhile Provost of Eton. But after Jenkins's permicious suggestion that the coronation should be secularised, it might be the cleric who receives lectures on the importance of the Church and State's relationship.

● EARL SPENCER continues to follow in his sister's Gucci shoes. As his fire-damaged home in South Africa is rethatched, the Earl is to sprint down to Bournemouth to open a "drop-in centre" ("drop out", surely) for Aids types. His sister might have created a bigger stir, but at least Charles is trying.

### Common good

AFTER the financial damage done to Clapham Common property prices by Ron Davies's nocturnal ramblings, Neil Jordan is making amends. The film director is to shoot his version of Graham Greene's magnificent The End of the Affair, chronicling the doomed romance of a couple after meeting on the suburban swamp.

Ralph Fiennes and Julianne Phillips, the former wife of Bruce Springsteen, have been cast as the leads, which should help to restore the Common's prim reputation.

WHICH DO YOU WANT FIRST THE GOOD NEWS OR THE BAD?



 CHERIE BOOTH is to be the subject of a sculpture, crafted by Shenda Amery, who styled effigies of such new Labour gurus as Baroness Thatcher and John Major. Who pays is a secret, but Shenda says that it is "a top dollar commission". So new Labour.

### Flour power

BRITAIN'S secret weapon against the Russians: the scone. Our man in Moscow has ordered 220lb of white flour to be sent from Norfolk to his embassy. The plan: to disarm Cossack chums with epicurean ammunition.

"It's for trade," I am told. "When they taste cakes made with delicious English flour, they will want to buy British."

● CHARLIE WHELAN: stand-up comic? The retired spinner has been visiting the Comedy Store. breeding ground for Ben Elton. So what is his best joke? "I don't recall any." Perhaps my memory is better.

JASPER GERARD

### 'I can't be alone in the chagrin which strikes when a batch of jolly adverts makes way for some duff programme about vets or cooks'

7 hen you hear that today's persiflage is beman in an understatedly elegant Turnbull & Asser shirt cosseted by an immensely comfortable Eckorness swivel-chair in front of his truly incomparable Apple Macintosh word-processor, sipping a Selfridge cup of stimulat-ing Douwe Egbert Colombian coffee and puffing at a Silk Cut Extra Mild commendably low in tar yet astonishingly rich in flavour, you will instantly twie that he is a man in whose heart there has always been a special place for advertising. So special, indeed, that he has deliberately misused the word persiflage for the sole purpose of telling you that the best place to look it up and put him right is the matchless Concise Oxford English

or type on - and no less valuable to all the many manufacturers and distributors and retailers and ancillary tradesfolk whose livelihoods require the constant movement of goods, and thus, of course, to the national economy on whose vitality the welfare of each and every one of us depends. Think horseshoe nails, and you will very soon appreciate that the consequence of that first paragraph might well be a hip-replacement for poor hob-Dictionary, a snip at £16.99. bling Mrs Simpkins of Hull or Friends, you cannot imagine an extra chemistry teacher for the joy I took in cobbling that stony-broke Cricklewood Com-

prehensive. That there might also be a bob or two in it for me, we shall come to later. Now, I know I speak for all of us when I say

that there is not nearly enough advertising about. I cannot be alone enough in the chagrin which strikes when a batch of jolly commercials all too soon makes way for the rest of some duff programme about vets

or cooks; or when, eagerly grabbing my morning newspaper in the hope of a brand-new double-page spread trumpeting a Currys sale, I find nothing but towering columns of earnest editorial anent Kosovo or Hoddle; or when, on some hitherto delightful drive, enchanting urban billboards peter out to be replaced by a windscreenful of dreary green stuff and sheep; or

when, in the small in-somniac hours, Classic FM caringly interrupts a couple of Oistrakhs sawing away at Bach's Double Violin Concerto

to suddenly lift the soul with an allegro haemorrhoid jingle. So, then, did you not do joyous cartwheels at Monday's news that a new company called Freedom had got into

snuggly bed with BT and other suppliers to provide a service whereby you and I will pay nothing at all for our telephone calls, provided we sign up to allow advertisements to be inserted into them? More cheering yet, many of these commercials will be interactive, empowering us — halfway through listening to our brother-in-law banging on about his alopecia — to order a pizza, join the Territori-

als, buy a previously cherished forklift truck, nice runner, no rust, or treble-glaze the chic cedarette extension we bought last week during a routine call to our dentist. And won't it, furthermore, make hanging on for half an hour even more fruitful than it is at present? For however much we all enjoy listening to 88 synthesizer charuses of Volare counterpointed by 88 captivating reminders that we are being held in a queue, these surely pale beside learning that C & A has a new range of exciting spring trousers, kindly state Visa number and inside-leg measurement after the bleep.

ut. can you believe it. B hardly had my joy at Freedom's inspired and much-needed expansion of advertising sunk in, than I suddenly saw that it also pointed the way to even more life-enhancing possi-

py commercials into all conversation? For, of course, a fee - albeit slightly smaller than the one for which I plan to invoice all those mentioned in my opening para-graph, which will have been read, with any luck, by a few more people than one would bump into in the pub. What fun, during some ponderous dinner-party natter about nannies or President Saddam Hussein, to pop in a trimly turned commercial extolling, say, mild green Fairy Liquid, thereby earning not merely the warm gratitude of guests who had not hitherto realised that hands that do dishes can be soft as your face, but also a quick couple of quid

from Procter & Gamble. Oh look, I have reached the point where this article needs a pay-off. Well, that makes two of us. So my message today is: Let Freedom Ring!



# GLADSTONE'S SHADE

Why Kosovo? Why British troops? Blair must explain

On the eve of its 50th anniversary, Nato has taken a decision of great moment, of which the alliance's publics are barely aware and for which they are still less prepared. It is planning to deploy ground forces within a sovereign state, turning part of that state into a Nato protectorate. Nothing less is implied by the six-nation Contact Group's unanimously agreed strategy for Kosovo. On the Group's behalf, Robin Cook has summoned Yugoslav and Kosovan Albanian leaders to Rambouillet this weekend. If their signatures to an accord can be extracted, Nato ground troops are to police it. Should they fail, Nato has threatened, in effect, to bomb them back to the table. In this gamble for Balkan peace, British ministers have taken the lead, and British soldiers are likely to be the largest component of a peacekeeping force under British commanders. Gladstone's shade walks the Balkans.

What drives Western politicians is the knowledge that the near-truce secured by Richard Holbrooke last October is collapsing: fighting could imminently resume on a far greater scale. That would not only mean horrendous suffering for the Kosovans, a flood of refugees and a public outcry. It would entail strategic risks. The contagion could spread to Macedonia's large Albanian minority. A political collapse there could tempt Bulgaria and Greece to divide the corpse, inflaming Greco-Turkish tensions on Nato's southern flank. Damping down the Kosovo tinder is preferable to putting out a southern European blaze.

Hence Nato's decision to act now, but decisiveness as to the means is not matched by clarity about what "success" in Kosovo would entail. The deal falls halfway between Belgrade's insistence that Kosovo is part of Serbia and Kosovan demands, hardened by Serbian repression, for independence. The Contact Group has demanded that both sides sign an accord by February 19. The purpose of Rambouillet is not negotiation, but acceptance of the Contact Group's diktat. The plan includes a sharply reduced Serbian security presence in Kosovo but not a total withdrawal; enough self-government for Kosovo to free its Albanian majority from Belgrade's jurisdiction but no independence; and investigations of atrocities by The Hague's special tribunal. The American aim is that William Walker, the US head of the OSCE observer mission, would then act as pro-consul for three years, chairing talks of public support.

on the final status of Kosovo, on which the Kosovans would vote in a referendum.

The outline of this plan has, however, been around for months, rejected by all. Rejection, in fact, is all that seems to unite what elusively passes for leadership in Kosovo. Yet Britain, France and Germany are firmly committed to send troops, in Britain's case possibly as many as 8,000. Russia is likely to join. And previously hostile opinion, in Congress and in the Pentagon, has abruptly shifted in favour of contributing a small US force. Compared with the long wrangling over Nato ground forces for Bosnia, the speed with which political plans have become a longterm military commitment is dizzying. But that is not because the prospects of success are greater than they were in Bosnia. Mr Cook insists that Nato soldiers will go in only when there is a peace to keep. In truth, they will go in because the alternative, an uncontrollable war, is too appalling, and too damaging to Nato, to contemplate.

Britain thus finds itself in a military venture whose eventual outcome is uncertain. The Western hope is that Mr Milosevic needs a Nato ultimatum to give him the excuse to relinquish control of a territory so alienated by Serb atrocities as to be uncontrollable except by massive force; and that even the most militantly separatist Kosovans will see that a Nato protectorate is in their interest. This is a gamble that logic of survival will win out over nationalist passion in a region where logic has the shallowest of roots.

The Government is right to have taken this lead. But Tony Blair needs urgently to explain why it is right for Britain, a middling power, to be so heavily engaged in the cause of wider peace. This question will be asked even if he persuades the country that Kosovo cannot safely be left to burn. He must convince anxious citizens that British troops will be there to serve the cause of European peace, not to fly the flag in support of his ambitions to demonstrate Britain's "leadership in Europe". He must guard against future accusations that the British people, whose support for this country's high military profile is a national strength, were in this case not given the full reasons for putting troops in harm's way. The people of this country understand well that a trading nation with global interests must be prepared to deploy its forces where international stability is threatened. But informed assent is the indispensable basis

### THE HODDLE STORY

The former England coach is not a martyr

The fall of Glenn Hoddle was as necessary had "tried to establish the truth". The truth as it was inevitable. He had lost the support without which it was impossible to be the figurehead for the national game. He had failed to separate his rights of free speech from his duties as one of the most influential men in a game with vast influence over the life of Britain, particularly over the young. He compounded his original bizarre and irresponsible comments about the disabled with a series of inconsistent and incoherent attempts to pretend that The Times had somehow misrepresented him. English football, as well as English public life, will be better without him.

Naturally his sacking has prompted sympathy in some quarters. It has been suggested that his religious freedoms have been trampled in an irrational stampede of political correctness. Other concerned commentators have chosen to cast his fate in terms of Western intolerance of Eastern spirituality or the harsh secularism of a country that has become atheist in so many ways. The England coach has thus been presented to parts of the public as some sort of modern amalgam of St Stephen. Savonarola and Salman Rushdie.

Mr Hoddle is miscast as a martyr. His claims in this respect would be stronger if he had spent the past four days either vigorously defending his views or apologising. In his departure statement yesterday he thanked those friends in the media who has always been clear. Mr Hoddle has been in a state of denial of that truth, implying that his remarks, clearly recorded by our reporter Matt Dickinson, were inaccurate or that they had been distorted. At the same time as his agent was threatening legal action against The Times, Mr Hoddle was conceding in another newspaper interview that "The reporter from The Times did not misquote me but he did misinterpret me."

An England coach is not barred from spiritual views. But by speculating on deeper reasons for physical disability Mr Hoddle travelled into different territory. Neither is this a matter of undue sensitivity on the part of a lobby. Sport has taken on a transformed role in the lives of the disabled. Competitive events have expanded hugely. Sport has played an enormous role in breaking down the barriers between the handicapped and able-bodied.

This is indicative of a wider change in the importance of sport in society, and the relationship betwee them. An England football coach, like other sporting icons, is now quite properly considered a public figure in a fashion that would once not have been appropriate. Diplomacy is rightly an essential element of the job. Mr Hoddle was no stranger to these arrangements. His successor should ensure that he is able and prepared to live up to the full duties of the office.

### **FACE THE MUSIC**

The new Controller of Radio 3 has a tough task ahead

Classical music may value harmony, but debate over its broadcasting has been less than melodic Roger Wright, the new Controller of Radio 3, has to cater for an elaborate ensemble of tastes. The BBC's classical music network has been accused by some of elitism and inaccessibility, by others of pandering to populist tastes. Mr Wright well understands that it will take all his considerable experience to orchestrate a schedule to suit the broadest band of listeners.

Radio 3's commercial competitor, Classic FM, attracts wide audiences with an astute mix of favourite symphonies, sonatas and suites, carefully timed to accord with daily routines. Soothing classics ease exasperated commuters on the journey home, sprightly concertos rouse them once more the next morning. But, in an interview with The Times today, Mr Wright insists that his network "is not in the business of competing with Classic FM". The serious, educative traditions of Radio 3 will not be pushed aside by easy-listening entertainment. A compromise will be sought between corporate pressure to increase ratings and public obligation to broadcast the widest range of quality music.

Although many enjoy the immaculate recordings offered by the compact disc, to others such perfection seems sterile which is why Mr Wright plans to place greater emphasis on live performance. Differentiating itself from its commercial rival, Radio 3 will relay exciting events from the world of music and audiences will feel almost as if they are participating in international festivals. Mr Wright also intends to expand the remit of Radio 3, by broadcasting the capital's most talked about theatre productions. People in the regions may, one day, no longer need to go to the trouble and expense of travelling to the nearest major city to enjoy, for example, the latest Tom Stoppard or Patrick Marber.

Clearly Radio 3 is to continue to hold the high ground. But for Mr Wright to maintain his course amid a polyphony of conflicting ideas and demands, he will need not only the most determined cast of mind but the unwavering support of the BBC, not least if ratings between Radio 3 and Classic FM gape more widely.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# plea for Pinochet

From the Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and others

Sir, We are writing to express our opposition to the extradition of Gener-Augusto Pinochet to Spain, and make public our support for his role in Chilean history.

All of us are senior political figures in Poland and the Czech Republic, many of whom in the past have experienced imprisonment, violence and other abuses of human rights. We have also suffered the government of communists and their Soviet masters.

The actions of General Pinochet in 1973 were instrumental in rescuing his country from the horrors of communist dictatorship, and prevent-ing a strategic expansion of Soviet global interests at the height of the Cold War. That cause was one many of us fought in Central Europe too, forming a common front with others across the world.

The prosperity and stability of Chile today are also a testament to the rightfulness of the actions undertaken by General Pinochet. That stability is now jeopardised by the actions of the

British and Spanish authorities. Many of those opposed to General Pinochet are those who in the 1960s and 1970s were notably mute in the face of suffering by Central Euro-peans, and who were then quick to offer apologia for the numerous invasions, military coups and internment camps of the Soviets and their puppets in the heart of Europe.

We hope that General Pinochet will soon be free to return to Chile, where it will be for the Chilean people to determine his legal fate and historical legacy.

Yours sincerely, MARCIN LIBICKI, Vice-President, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, VACLAV BENDA. Chairman, Office for the Investigation and Documentation of the Crimes of Communism, Czech Republic, 1994-98,

RYSZARD CZARNECKI, Minister for European Integration, Government of Poland, VIKTOR DOBAL. Member, Czech Parliament, 1990-98, ALEKSANDER HALL Member, Polish Parliament,

MAREK JUREK. Member, National Radio & Television Council, Poland, STEFAN NIESIOLOWSKI. Member, Polish Parliament, c/o Robertson & Associates 104 Cambridge Street, SWIV 4QG.

### Televising courts

From Sir Michael Davies

Sir, Sir Louis Blom-Cooper (letter, January 29) suggests that the Pinochet or a similar appeal in the House of Lords should be televised. If he means live and at length, the inevitable and interminable legal arguments would be deadly boring except to erudite lawyers, perhaps even to them. After initial interest. I am sure viewers would be numbered in hundreds not even thousands. Edited highlights would be no more attractive, because there are few if any highlights. The

idea is commercially impracticable. At the other end of the spectrum, the televising of the sensational O.J. Simpson and Louise Woodward trials certainly made compulsive viewing, but at such cost to the interests of justice that the likelihood of further public circuses thankfully seems to me to have been postponed indefinite-

Yours truly,
MICHAEL DAVIES, Elliot House, Wolverley, Kidderminster, DYII 5XD. January 31.

### Full employment

From Mr John Grieve Smith

Sir, Christine Buckley's report and interview with David Blunkett (Business news, February I) refers to full employment as "one of the great shibboleths of the Labour Left" and a "socialist dream". But the wartime vision of full employment was shared by people of all parties and expressed in the coalition Government's 1944

White Paper on Employment Policy. Its subsequent attainment for over 25 years was an achievement of both Labour and Conservative governments. It was only in the 1980s that the deliberate maintenance of a substantial pool of unemployment became the accepted means of curbing inflation.

The fact that people now change jobs more often is not synonymous with the end of full employment. Indeed a strong demand for labour and the availability of alternative jobs facilitate industrial change.

The "social justice" and "social adhesion" to which David Blunkett aspires will only be achieved if full employment is once again put high on the political agenda, and the less skilled and less qualified are no longer left scrambling for insecure and ill-paid jobs at the bottom of the employment ladder.

Yours. JOHN GRIEVE SMITH (Author, Full Employment; A Pledge Betraved, Macmillan 1997), Robinson College. Cambridge CB3 9AN.

### East Europeans in Glenn Hoddle case casts light on freedom of speech From the Headmaster of

Abingdon School

Sir, I spent part of a current affairs period today discussing with some of my sixth-formers the reported views of Mr Glenn Hoddle about reincarnation. They spoke in impressively judicious tones about the likely impact of Mr Hoddle's remarks on disabled people. A number of them clearly felt that he had offended so gravely that he deserved to be dismissed from his post as England's

football coach. We became more animated, however, when I ventured to suggest that the opinions of a football manager, even of national status, upon a matter of religious conviction were hardly worth anybody's time - let alone that of leading politicians. I was given to understand, in no uncertain terms, that nothing could possibly be more important than football, that it was the essence of our national identity and that the officers of the game must be beyond reproach.

It was only when I put forward what was understood as a manifestly absurd proposition -- that football is a waste of time and football managers utterly insignificant people - that my intelligent pupils could be brought to realise that the principle of freedom of thought might sometimes require the public toleration even of unattractive opinions. They were kind enough, at least, to refrain from calling for my immediate dismissal

We then turned, with a sense of anticlimax, to Kosovo and constitutional reform in Britain.

Yours faithfully, M. St JOHN PARKER, Headmaster, Abingdon School, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 IDE.

From Mr Glynn Vernon

Sir. I have been disabled all my life; I have cerebral palsy, and like most disabled people I am well used to the misconception held by able-bodied people that my life, along with those of other disabled people, is a tragic struggle, and the thing I must desire above all else is to be "cured" of my palsy and become "normal", presumably fully equipped with a "half-decent brain" like Mr Hoddle.

Maybe that's the problem. Maybe Glenn should have left the intellectual stuff to those of us with more than half-decent brains and concentrated

on teaching people how to kick a ball into a net. You can forgive a man for being a fool if England are beating the world at football.

Yours faithfully, GLYNN VERNON (Member, Executive Council, Scope), l Innholder Court, Neath Hill. Milton Keynes MK14 6JN. glynn.vernon@virgin.net. February 2.

From Mrs Sue Davidson

Sir, As a parent of a severely autistic daughter, I have come into contact with many other severely mentally handicapped children and their parents. Parents often feel an initial sense of guilt about their handicapped or disabled child: as 1 did, they often believe that their child's disability is a punishment. Glenn Hoddle's claims do nothing to help matters.

I've always believed these children to be closer to God than I'll ever be. and that they were born into this world to teach others a lesson; my daughter has certainly taught me the lesson of unconditional love, and the irrelevance of material things.

Despite the problems which I've encountered in raising her. I believe in God and an afterlife. As her 18th birthday draws nearer, I often ponder on what could have been. However, it gives me the strength to carry on to know that one day, although not in this life, she will be made "whole".

Yours sincerely. S. DAVIDSON, 3 Gyfre Gardens, Abergwili. Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire SA31 21D. January 30.

From the Reverend Ronald Alpiar Sir. Your editorials (February 1 and 2) urge that Glenn Hoddle should resign, having given gross offence to

the disabled.

Coming from The Times, that's a bit rich! Had The Times not reported Hoddle's remarks, only the relatively few disabled persons privy to his views would have been offended. By publishing those views, The Times has itself multiplied many thousandfold the number of those so offended.

Yours etc RONALD ALPIAR, 84 Dudsbury Road. Ferndown, Dorset BH22 8RG. alpiar@dial.pipex.com February 2.

From Mr G. J. Fellows

Sir, Having worked for more than three decades with disabled people, I believe there are very few who are not big enough simply to shrug off remarks made by Glenn Hoddle as they have to do with misunderstanding (and worse) from many quarters. But what of the rest of us? What has happened to this nation of tolerance and freedom of speech?

Yours faithfully. G. J. FELLOWS,

Dawsons Cottage, 65 Lower Radley, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OXI4 3AY. February 1.

From Mr John Dilks

Sir, The FA is not responsible for the views Glenn Hoddle has expressed; but it is largely responsible for the fact that he expressed them.

The England coach must have the abilities to create a successful squad: but equally important are the political and diplomatic skills required of someone who will be regarded as a role model by hundreds of thousands of children.

The FA should have provided Hoddle with guidance on equal opportunities issues, diplomacy and, perhaps, general presentational skills. Arguably, without such help he was almost bound to say something like this eventually.

JOHN DILKS. Hudnall Lane. Little Gaddesden Hertfordshire HP4 IQE. February 1.

From Mr Brian W. Codd

Sir. What kind of world do we live in? The England football coach makes a silly, injudicious remark, a personal opinion with which clearly few people agree. However, perhaps sensing votes may be at stake, ministers call for his head. Meanwhile, these same ministers are part of a Government which includes a colleague who for many years apparently deceived his wife and children in a despicable manner. I don't recall these ministers calling for him to be sacked.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN W. CODD. Hope Cottage, Hampton Court Road, Hampton Court, Surrey KT8 9DA. February 2.

### Compensation for medical error

From Mr Nigel H. Harris, FRCS

Sir, Dr Michael Saunders, Chief Executive of the Medical Defence Union (letter, January 21), claims that "there is no evidence of a fall in clinical standards amongst the medical profession". I find it hard to accept that the very considerable increase in successful claims over the last ten years is largely the result of a change in public attitudes and awareness, as he im-

He is presumably referring to patients who seek compensation (many of whose cases are abandoned). would refer him to patients (plaintiffs) whose claim is successful because the standard of medical care (diagnosis, adequacy of pre-operative information given to the patient and quality of treatment) has fallen below that which they are entitled to expect and was not in accordance with accepted medical practice.

Evidence from over 3,000 orthopaedic potential negligence claims re-ferred to me over the last 15 years convinces me that in certain respects standards have indeed fallen. I would be surprised if other disciplines did not reach the same conclusion.

Yours faithfully, N. H. HARRIS (Council Member, Academy of Experts), 72 Harley Street, WIN IAE.

From Miss Phyllis Bennett

Sir, The suggestion by Dr Saunders that a patient who has been the victim

The Monty style From Mr Michael Goldman

Sir. May I add a mystery to the reminiscences of Field Marshal Lord Montgomery (letters, January 18, 22 and 28)? In, I think, 1943, at the height of the war, the boys of Manchester Grammar School assembled to hear Montgomery address them on the subject of leadership. It was only many years later that it occurred to me how strange it was that this war leader should have taken time from

hundred of us schoolboys. Contemporaries also remembered the occasion. In August 1967 I wrote to the great man, who replied by return, writing in red ink on the back of my letter: "I definitely did not visit Manchester

his military duties to talk to a few

Grammar School in the 1940s." Some years later the then High Master of the school assured me that Monty's signature did appear in its visitors' book. So was the field marshal's memory at fault, or was it a visit by his double?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL GOLDMAN, l Lyndale Close, Blackheath, SE3 7RG. January 31.

of NHS clinical negligence should be restricted to receiving ongoing care only within the NHS would infringe ery patient's right to choose. would limit the general principle of English law that an injured party is entitled (in so far as money can achieve this) to be restored to the position in which he or she would have been but for the negligent act, and it is unlikely to save the NHS significant sums.

In my experience, as a solicitor specialising in clinical negligence, the most expensive claims are usually those for services or equipment either unavailable or inadequately provided on the NHS. These may include sufficient skilled care to give both patient and family some independence, computer equipment to enable a brain-damaged patient to communicate normally, extra physiotherapy to maximise potential, and the finest available prostheses.

Each successful clinical negligence claim is the result of eminent doctors concluding that the standard of care a patient received fell below that of the ordinarily skilled clinician specialising in that area of medicine, judged by the standards of that time. Why should the compensation available vary according to whether the accused is a careless driver or a careless doctor? The resultant misery does not.

Yours faithfully, PHYLLIS BENNETT, Walker Martineau (solicitors), 64 Queen Street, EC4R 1HB. January 25.

Cruelty to animals From Mr Martin Offer

Sir, On January 28 The Times reported the case of a circus trainer who was convicted of hitting an animal with a riding crop. The report spoke of her reputation being "in

Two days later you printed a half-page feature extolling the skills of a young man who tortures animals to death in public. The report referred to him as a "genius". How is it that builfighting contin-

ues to exist in a moral vacuum, exempt from the standards of humaneness, indeed humanity, which are common elsewhere?

Yours sincerely. MARTIN OFFER, 4 Lion Road, Nyetimber, Pagham, West Sussex PO21 3JZ. February 1.

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### The Civil War

From Professor B. S. Capp

Sir, Your leader on the Civil War and its aftermath ("Why Charles died", January 30) fairly summarises revisionist thinking but is in danger of throwing out the baby with the bathwater.

While the quarrel between King and Parliament was indeed a split within the ruling elites, it was the London crowds, not the elites, who drove Charles from his capital in 10-12 and precipitated war. The armies facing the King later that year consisted largely of volunteers, and civil war was possible only because a significant proportion of citizens was

politically aware and engaged. The demise of Marxism, moreover, must not be allowed to marginalise the Levellers. Proto-democrats, not socialists, the Levellers insisted on the sovereignty of the people and a written constitution to make that

revolutionary principle a reality. Paradoxically, their deep suspicion of all central executive power, even the Westminster Parliament, makes them in part the forebears of the Conservative Right as well as the Labour Left, and their ideas on devolution have an obvious relevance and resonance

Yours sincerely, BERNARD CAPP. Department of History. University of Warwick. Coventry CV4 7AL. February 1.

Wrong bark

From Mr Ian Brown

Sir, Your charming photograph of the youthful Prince Charles and Camilla Shand in Windsor Great Park (January 29) is not set against the bole of a "stout oak tree", Quercus species, but that of a massive beech. Fagus sylvatica. The coarse ridged bark of the oak is, as every schoolboy knows, wholly unsuitable for the carving of lovers' initials

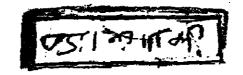
Yours etc. IAN BROWN, The Old Rectory. Smethcott, Church Stretton. Shropshire SY6 6NX. January 30.

Tailpiece

From Mr Jack Dudley

Sir. Thank you for the delightful picture of the new Bunny Girl on the front page today. Saturday. A nice change from the army of bottomless anorexics through which we are obliged to wade in the fashion pages.

Yours. JACK DUDLEY. 24 Edlyn Close, Berkhamstead. Hertfordshire HP4 3PQ.





### **COURT CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM HOUSE February 2: The Duke of Edin-burgh today visited Cambridgeshire and was met by Her Majes-ty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cam-bridgeshire (Mr James Crowden). The Duke of Edinburgh visited

Burrall Limited, Wisherh, and, as Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Inter-national Association, later visited St John's Innovation Centre and St John's College, Cambridge. His Royal Highness this after-noon visited the Oast House and St

Faith's School, Cambridge. ST JAMES'S PALACE February 2: The Prince of Wales

this morning opened the Cavend-ish Suite in the Haemato-Oncology

Mr G.A. Allan, former Headmas-

ter, Robert Gordon's College, Aber-deen, 63; Sir Anthony Alment,

obstetrician and gynaecologist, 77;

the Earl of Antrim, 64; Miss

Gillian Ayres, painter, 69: Mr Val

Doonican, singer, 70; Mr Tim Flowers, footballer, 31; Mr William

Frankel, former Editor and chair-

man. Jewish Chronicle, 82; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell.

74; the Earl of Hardwicke, 28; Mr Gavin Henderson, Principal, Trini-

ty College of Music, 51: Baroness

O'Cathain, 61; Miss Elaine Pad-

more, opera singer and director, 52; Brigadier the Hon Dame Mary

Pihl, former director, WRAC, 83;

Mr Glen Tetley, choreographer,

73; Mr Frankie Vaughan, singer, 71; Miss Kirsty Wark, journalist and TV presenter, 44.

Royal Institute of International

Mr Borys Tarasvuk. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. was

the speaker at a meeting of the Royal Institute of International

Affairs held yesterday at Chatham

House. Lord Wright of Richmond, chairman, presided. Afterwards,

Mr Peter Cooke, deputy chairman

presided at a meeting when Mr Chen Yuan, Governor of the State

Development Bank of China, was the speaker.

Meeting

**Birthdays** 

today

### Luncheons

Corporation of London The Prime Minister of Finland delivered the City Europe Lecture at Guildhall yesterday and after-wards the Corporation of London were the hosts at a luncheon. Among those present were:

Unit at Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital, Ches-

February 2: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund,

this afternoon addressed the Clos-ing Plenary Session of the 1999 Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum at The Confer-

ence Centre. Davos, Switzerland.

February 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Honorary

Air Commodore, Royal Air Forci

Coningsby, today received Group

Captain Alan Lockwood on relin

quishing his appointment as Sta-tion Commander, and Group Cap-tain Peter Ruddock on assuming

KENSINGTON PALACE

terfield, Derbyshire.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

Among those present were:

The Ambassadors of Spain, Luxembuurg, Georgia, Turkey, the Republic of Ireland, Dermark, Norway. Lishuania. Belgium, Sweden, the Storak Republic, Romanat, the Russian Federation. Hungary, Puringal, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Bulgaria and Belarus, the High Commissioner for Cyprus, HM Ambassador in Pinland. Viscount Craigavum, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, Lord Tordoff, Lord Haskins, Lord Mackay of Ardibretchristh. Lord Howe of Aberavan. CH, QC, Baroness Jay of Paddingan, Lord Tope, Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale, Lord Taverne, QC, Lord Hurd of Weswell, CH, Baroness Sharp of Cadidford, Baroness Ludford, Lord MeNaily, Mr Alan Beith, MP, Sir Tirnothy Garden, Sir Peter Petric. Sir Briam Goswell, Sir Michael Jenkins, Sir Maloolm Baites, Members of Parliamens, Members of the Policy and Resources Committee and Officers of the Corporation of London.

First Day Cover Club The Hon Mrs Gwyneth Dun-woody, MP, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the First Day Cover Club held yesterday at the Reform Club to mark the publication of the special Millennium set of Post Office stamps on the Travellers Tale. Mr Keith McDowall presided. Among those present

Wester Lord Clarke of Hampstead, Baroness Dean of Thornton-ic-Fyide, Lord Evazus of Watlord, Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, Mr John Appletan, Professor John Ashworth, Mr Charles Clarke, MP, Mr Robin Corbent, MP, Mr Philip Devhurst, Mr Bill Oher, MP, Mr Röchard Page and Mr Alan Williams.

### **Premium Bonds**

The following Premium Bond prize-winners were announced yes-

E100,000: 47SN 511262, winner has from Hillingdon; 68LT 915067, £19,998, Essex; 79LF 678775, £19,995, Leicestershire; 49SN 490715, £20,000, West Midlands; 22FF 696226, £12,620, Lancashire; 87AZ 937652, £1,000, Harrow: IIQL 291914, £20,000. Hereford-shire: 88HP 268058, £17,801, Sur-

£50,000: 80RP 023200, £500, Somerset; 8KF 129972, E35, Warwick-shire; 70HZ 506885, £14,205, Kensington and Chelsea; 80NS 083899, £17,281, East Riding of Yorkshire; 68JF 266930, £20,000, Southwark; 33VB 534027, £100, West Lothian; 36CN 628362, £19,994, Oxfordshire; 70FK 456283, £10,000, Somerset: 16BN 765770, £5,000, West Sussex 67EW 017932, £2,000, Devon: 82JL 403845, £20,000, Bucking-hamshire: 43KB 568270, £9,175, Hertfordshire: 59NF 266201, £10,000. Cheshire: 61TL 072353. 307606, £12.650, Oxfordshire. £25,000: 74BK 436290, E19,401,

Lincolnshire; 92CF 575174, £4,969. Staffordshire: 91BK 733102, £20.000, Essex: 33LN 104668, £20.000. Essex: 51RK 138017, .000.012 Lancashire: 93EW 237080, E7,207, Nottinghamshire: 14RP 902983, £1,997, Surrey; 6DL 748245, £13, Norfolk; 38KZ 029559. £2.012. West Yorkshire: 14TB 605486, E20,000, Surrey; 86LW 804243, E5,230, Gloucestershire; 20RB 033180, E876, Flintshire: 27HN 266831, £10,000, Leicestershire; 54DB 143812, EU,000, Hampshire; 64JW 112879, £20,000, Tyn & Wear: 90EB 118004, £1,230, Essex: 47GF 283406, £9,360, Isle of Wight: 29YL 350306, £7,350, Merseyside; 21PW 817488, £165, Angleseys. 74TZ. 457274, E5,000, East Riding of Yorkshire: 46AP 434636, £1,000, Carnden; 88JW 721374, £20,000, Hertfordshire: 46VN 17/173. £300, Greater Manchester; 84NF 668692, £15.500, Cumbria; 81MZ 803624, £20,000, West Mid-lands: 62QB 629564, £10,000, West Midlands; 28WF 949996, £9,000, Berkshire; 78ZT 983009, £20,000. Ealing; 20WN 150987, E670, New-port; 93QS 445098, E20,000, Cum-bria.

### Patron saint of lovers ends up causing an unholy tiff

### Two cities claim martyr's remains

By AUDREY MAGES IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

ST VALENTINE, the patron saint of lovers, has caused a tiff between priests in Glas-gow and Dublin.

Franciscan friars in Glasgow and Carmelite priests in Dublin are squabbling over the rightful ownership of the bones of the saint, one of the first Christian martyrs who was beheaded by the Romans for refusing to renounce his

The Glasgow friars claim that they have had the bones of St Valentine since 1868. But Dublin insists that it received the saint's body as a gift from Pope Gregory XVI in 1836, 32 years earlier.

The dispute, only days before Valentine's Day, is causing great upset in Dublin where lovers gather at the tomb each February 14 to pledge their affection and to renew their marriage vows. Father Frank O'Gara, the

priest in charge of St Valentine's tomb in Dublin, said that his parishioners were very disturbed by the suggestion that there was more than one tomb for the saint. But the Scottish Francis-

cans insist that their bones are genuine, as does Terni, a town northwest of Rome where the saint was born, which also claims to have his remains. Father Peter Hall, of the

Blessed John Duns Scotus church in the Gorbals, said that the bones were given to Scotland by Stephen Potran, a wealthy Roman Catholic from France who, as Commissary of the Holy Land, was entrusted with many important religious relics.

But Dublin cites a letter from the Vatican as its proof of ownership. The letter, writ-ten in January 1836, states that Pope Gregory XVI ordered that the body of St Valentine be removed from the Roman cemetery of St Hippolytus and sent to Dublin.

The letter, which accompanied the body, said that the remains of St Valentine were "in a wooden case covered with painted paper, well closed, tied with a red silk ribbon and sealed with our



Dublin: the shrine containing the saint's remains in the Carmelite church

seals". The Pope made Dublin a gift of the remains of St Valentine, who was reputedly killed in 269, after a visit to Rome in 1835 by an Irish Carmelite priest, Father John Spratt, who impressed the Vatican with his oratory. Father Hall suggested that

all the remains were genuine as Rome often divided relics into different sections for distribution. He said that the Scottish and Irish priests should meet to resolve the ownership debate.

"It possibly means that at the end of the remains of St Valentine. We will have to sit down together to compare notes," he said.



Glasgow: Father Brian McGrath keeps guard over a new display of the bones of St Valentine

### **Dinners**

The Lord Mayor The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner last night at the Mansion House the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, leaders of major Britishlisted companies involved in trade and industry, heads of major city financial and business services firms, representatives of HM Government and the Civil Service, the Sheriffs, Members of the Court of Aldermen, the Court of Common Council and Officers of the Corporation of London.

The Lord Mayor and the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry were the speakers. Among those present were:

Lord Walker of Worcester, Lord Paul, Lord Hurd of Westwell, CH, Lord Jarmer of Bransstone, QC, Lord Bagri. Lord Simpson of Domiseki. Dr. Lord Gibbert. Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge, Lord Bell. Mr Tim Eggar, Mr Derek Patchen. MP. Sir Michael Knight, Sr Robert Walmsley and Sir Michael Scholar.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Mr Hemant Patel, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at ! Lambeth High Street, London, SEI. Ms Claire Rayner, Chairman of the Patients Association, also spoke. Among those present were:

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, Lord Newton of Braintree, Lady Trafford, Mr David Amess, MP, Mr Alam Danetts MP, Dr Evan Harris, MP, Dr Thomas Suttaford, Dr Keith Tonge, the President of the Guild of

Healthcare Pharmacists, the President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, the Vice-Chancellor of De Montfort University and the Chief Pharmacist, Department of and the Chief Pharmacist, Department of Health, the Chief Pharmacist for the Scottish Home and Health Department and the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for Northern

One World Action Mrs Cherie Booth, QC, presented the first One World Action Award to Ms Jane Winder, Director of One World Action, at a dinner held last night at Middle Temple Hall to mark the 10th anniversary of the charity. Mr Neil Kinnock, MEP, Mrs Glenys Kinnock, MEP, Mr Ben Elton, Mr Ron Todd and Mr Jon Snow also spoke.

Glaziers' Company Canon Roy White, Vice-Provost of Southwark and Honorary Chap-

lain of the Glaziers' Company gave an address and blessed the tools of the craft at the annua service held yesterday in Southwark Cathedral. Mr George D. Cracknell, Master, and Mr Peter R. Batchelor, Upper Warden, welcomed the guests at a reception and supper held afterwards at Glaziers' Hall.

Horners' Company The following have been elected and installed officers of the Horners' Company for the ensuing

Master, Dr Leonard P. Smith Upper Warden, Mr Raymond R. Knowland; Renter Warden, Mr Miles St C. Baird.

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr M.A. Ausenda and Miss R.K. Howden

The engagement is announced between Marcello, son of Mr Valerio Ausenda, of Somerset. Warwick, of Paget, Bermuda, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Howden, of Mayfield, East

Mr J.B. Briadle and Dr A.E. Butler

The engagement is announced between John Benjamin, only son of Mr Roderick Brindle and the late Mrs Katherine Brindle, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Alice Elizabeth, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Paul Butler, of Muswell Hill, London.

Mr LT. Brogan and Miss E.M.O'D. Barlow The engagement is announced between lan, only son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Brogan, of Poplar, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of the late LP. Barlow and of Mrs

Barlow, of Chiswick. Mr N.J.S. Harries and Miss N.J. Wellspring The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs J.M. Harries, of Ampney St Peter, Gloucestershire, and Nikki, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Wellspring, of Ludlow,

Shropshire. Mr C.D. Magnire nd Miss J.C. Nicholls The engagement is announced between Carl Daniel, second son of Mr Carl Maguire, of Delmar, California, USA, and Ms Jacquelyne Patricia, of Madison. Wisconsin, USA, and Jill Caroline, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Nicholls, of Richmond,

Surrey. Mr S. Murray and Miss C.D. Sparshott The engagement is announced between Scott, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Murray, of Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbrightshire, and Caroline Diana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Sparshott,

BIRTHS: Felix Mendelssohn, com-

poser, Hamburg, 1809; Elizabeth Blackweil, physician and co-found-er of the London School of

Medicine for Women, Bristol, 1821; Robert Cecil, 3rd Marquess of

Salisbury, Prime Minister 1885-86, 1886-92 and 1895-1902, Hatfield

House, Hertfordshire, 1830; Hugh

Montague Trenchard, 1st Viscount Trenchard, Marshal of the RAF,

Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police 1931-35, Taunton, 1873; Ger-

trude Stein, novelist and critic,

Allegheny, Pennsylvania, 1874.

DEATHS: Germain Pilon, sculp-

tor. Paris, 1590; Richard (Beau)

Nash, master of ceremonies at

Bath, Bath, 1761; George Crabbe, poet, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, 1832;

Sir Henry Maine, jurist and

historian, Cannes, 1888; Sir Morell

Mackenzie, physician, London, 1892; Edward Pickering, astrono-

mer, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1919; Woodrow Wilson, 28th Ameri-

can President 1913-21, Nobel Peace

crash, near Mason City, Iowa, 1959; Boris Karloff, actor, Mid-

President Woodrow Wilson presid-

speech to the South African Parlia-ment, Cape Town, 1960.

Yassir Arafat was appointed lead-

er of the PLO, 1969.

hurst, West Sussex, 1969.

1954.

Anniversaries

and Miss E.S. Newman The engagement is armounced between Manhew, son of Mr between Matthew, suit of Mr and Mrs Christopher Plail, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Elaine Sarah, younger daughter of Mr Barry Newman and Mrs

Barbara Brooks, of Middlesex. Mr T.W. Shaw

and Miss L.M.A. Briggs The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Martin Shaw, of East Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Briggs, of Boxgrove, Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr D.W.M. Thompson and Miss P.J. Maryisin The engagement is announced between David, elder son of the netween David, each sain the Rev William and Mrs Thompson, of Oxnam Manse, Jedburgh, Rozburghshire, and Petrunella. daughter of Mr and Mrs Ferenc Matyisin. of Kazincharcika, Humpary.

Hungary. Mr E.C. Zar and Miss E.M. Flatman

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr Richard Zamboni, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and of the late Mrs Pamela Zamboni, and Emma, second daughter of the late Mr Keith Flatman and of Mrs Margaret Flatman, of Norwich, Norfolk.

### Marriage

Mr A.B.G. Moody and Miss K.H. Gidofalvy A service of blessing was belt quietly in St George's Chapel. Windsor Castle, on Saturday, January 30, after the marriage at Richmond Register Office, of Alexander Brian Grindal Moody. econd son of Mr and Mrs Peter Moody, of Tredustan, Brecon, to Katalin Hermione Gidofalvy, youngest daughter of the late Dr and Mrs Elemer Gidofalvy, of

Buda, Hungary. The Rev Roger Marsh officiated. of Camberley, Surrey.

### The Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great

The Bishop of London, assisted by the Rev Dr Martin Dudley, Rector, vesterday dedicated the new altarpiece of the Virgin Mary and the Christ-child in the Lady Chapel of the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, Mr Simon Callow read the lessons and the Spanish Ambassador read the Gospel. The choir, directed by Mr David Trendell, sang Spanish music

Señora Doña Maria de Aza and the Argentine Ambassador and Señora de Pfirter were among afterwards in the cloister.

### New Recorders

The following have been appointed recorders on the Midland and Oxford Circuit:

laureate 1920, Washington, 1924; Oliver Heaviside, physicist, Torquay, 1925; Buddy Holly, sing-John Montague Appleby (solicitor), Christopher Michael Butler. Michael John Dudley, Robert er and songwriter, died in an air. Mark Eades, Robert Peter Glancy. QC, Anthony James Goldstaub, QC, James Dalgleish Guthrie, QC, Andrew Ninian Roberts Hamiled at the first meeting of the League of Nations in Paris, 1919. ton, Melbourne Donald Inman, OC. Richard Calder Jose, Mrs Frances Margaret Kirkham (solici-The Queen visited Australia, the first reigning monarch to do so, tor), Andrew Ewart McFarlane, QC. Malcolm George McEwan Harold Macmillan made his his-toric "The wind of change is blowing through this continent" Morse, Christopher Michael Murray (solicitor). Philip Laurence Parket, Frederick Michael Pearce, Rhodri Price Lewis, John Yeoman Randall, QC, Timothy John Whittaker Scott, QC, Brian Ben Warn-

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healthy son, Alex, weighing 3.6 kgs. BROADHURST - On January 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Nicky and Andrew, a son, Samuel, a brother for James.

BROWN - On January 24th, to Catherine (née Lloyd Morgan) and Benedict, a son, Ivo Benedict Hugh.

COZEMS - On January 30th 1999 to Jane (née Smith) and Charles, 4 son, George Euan Douglas. DOLAN - On January 30th at The Portismd Respital, to

Lynn and Thomas, a son, Patrick James, a brother for Tommy. FRANCE - On 29th January London to Richard and Sarah, a son, George Mervyn, a brother for Louis

GODFREY - To Yvette and Laurence, a boy, Dylan. JONES - On 1st February to Clare and Matthew, a son Clare and Metthew Samuel Clyndwr.

LANE - On January 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Carol (née Johnston) and James, a handsome soa, Contor James, a brother for Alexandra.

McNTOSH - On January 10th, to Annie (née Devoy) and Iain, a son. Finn Milo Devoy, a brother for Tatiana and Kitt. ODOMNELL - On January 18th to Jacquie (nee Duckworth) and Ian, a son, Jack, a brother for Tia.

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SPRAGG - On January 31st at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to Lori (née Rolfe) and Devid, a daughter, Charlotte Victoria, a sister for Jamie AWAD - On January 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Dials and Charles, a

FAMS SORDOGNA VAL WGRA - On January 28th to Miranda (use Dunne). The Baron and Beroness William, a second daughter, Annabelle Mary.

DEATHS

ANDREWES - Molly (née Jungius) on 31st Jenuary after a long and brave battle with multiple sclerosis. Funeral at 3 pm at Penmount Crematorium, near Truro on 5th March.

BARR - Robert, journalist, BBC war correspondent and scriptwriter, died 30th January 1999 aged 39. Beloved husband of the late Janet Connell and Jather of Jane. Service at Kilchattan Bay Church, Isle of Bute on Monday 8th February at 12 noon.

JATEMAN - ARROMY Fromese John (Tony) F.R.I.C.S. On 31st January 1999, the day before his 77th birthday. Funeral, Worth Cromstorium Tuesday 9th February 11.30 am. Family Pebruary 11.30 sm. Family Rowars only. Donations if desired for The Stroke Association c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade,

**DEATHS** 

ATHURST - On 31st January, peacetully hospital, Joan Caro hospital, Joan Caroune (née Petrie), much loved wife of Maurice, Funeral Service at Randells Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Friday 5th February at 12.30pm. Family flowers only.

BOYARS - Marion, publisher, beloved wife of Arthur, mother of Susen and Catherya and Grandmother of Daniel, Emma, Ella and Tessa, peacefully at home on 1st February. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday 4th February at 4.30pm. No flowers but contributions to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

BURREDGE - Evelyn Isabelle, passed pescefully sway at bome on 25th Jennary 1999, aged 64 years. The truncal service will take place at Bishops Hall Parish Church on Thursday 4th February at 2.30pm, followed by cremation at Taunton Deane Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations if desired for the Marie Curie Foundation may be sent to E. White & Son Ltd, Funeral Directors, 138/139 East Reach, Taunton TAI 3HN.

CARDIFF - On Monday 1st CARDET - On Monday Let February Margaret Evelyn (Peggy), widow of Brig. Ereld Cardiff CB, CBE. (late Scots Guards). Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at 3 pm at St Maryly Church, Little Hereford on Monday 5th February. Family flowers only. No letters. Donations to St Michael's Hospice. Bartestree, Haraford, HR1 4HA. DIMAN - John Joseph died en Jamuary 31st 1999 aged 62 years, dearly belowed hrother of Kay, Denise and Pat and a much loved uncle and great-uncle. Requiem Mans at St. Joseph's, St Michaels Road, Basingstoke at 11sm Wadnesday 10th February, Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Michael's Hospica c/o Basingstoke & District Funaral Service, 8 Cross

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MARVEY - Namey Rhome died peacefully at home on January 31st aged 82. A dearly loved mother, sinter, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Funeral Service at St Mary's Church. Shipton, near Andoversiord, Gloson Monday February 8th at 1.30 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers for St Mary's Church may be left at the church or sent to Norman Troman & Hughes Funeral Directors, Northleach, Glos., tel: (01451) 860228.

MORNE - Bessie (née Liversedge), pescafully at home on Seturday 30th January 1999, aged 82 yeara. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Horne. Puneral Service at Boughton Church, Northampton. Thursday 11th February. 2.00pm. Enquiries to Ann Bonham and Son, Funeral Directors, 01604 634368.

JONES - Pamela (previously Tears, née Ward), aged 73, of Newdigate, passed away on January 28th. ts. PW Paine Arrangements, FW Pain F/D, tel 0181 399 2060.

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RELY - Lt. Col. (ret'd) James Joseph, OBE, puscefully in Werdord, Ireland, on 30th James Joseph, OBE, puscefully in Werdord, Ireland, on 30th James y 1999, aged 79 years. Much loved husband of Theresa, devoted father of Marie, Michael, Elizabeth and Philip, father-in-law of Amanda, Richard and Loraine, and loving grandpa of 12 wonderful grandchildren. Late of the Irish Guards, Quartermaster and Captsin of Invalide at The Royal Hospital, Chekee. Requiem Mass at New Ross Parish Church, followed by burfal at Terrerath, Co. Wexford, Flowers or donations for elderly care c/o T. Kelly Solicitor, New Ross.

LALOWDE - Frances Isabella passed peacefully away at Highcroft, Weston-super-Mare on Int February and their families. Fumeral at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Weston-super-Mare on Tueaday 9th February at 10.45 sm. No flowers please. If desired donations to the Rector, The Parish Church Fund, c/o The Elms, 50 Baker Street, Weston-super-Mare.

LECH - Suddenly on January 30th 1989 at Newton.

Northamptonshire, Frank aged 43 years, trushend of Jan, father of Charile and Henry. Fumeral Service will be beld at Geddington Church on Monday 2th

Heary, Funeral Service will be held at Geddington Church on Monday 8th February at 2.30 pm followed by private interment at Newton. No interment at Newton. No flowers by request - donations to the Diabetic Unit, Kettering General Hospital c/o Jack Warwick Independent Family Funeral Director, Wallis Red, Kettering 01536 485633. LIRE - Eric Methleson Mitchell, Glaswegian, public relations consultant, former chairman of the British Association of Industrial Editors and Scout Isader

Editors and Scout leade on 29th Junuary in Darwin, Northern Australia, Death at 67 followed a long illness borne and battled with characteristic courage. Lowed husband of Boverley and father of Neil, Nicola and Andrew mourned and renembe by a worldwide host of friends

MACKAY - Suddenly and peacefully on let February 1999, at Enterkine House. Ayrahire, The Hon Alan J.P. Mackay. Very much leved inubend of Lucie and leved father of Stobhen and Kristine. Funeral service at Glenapp Church on Friday 5th February 1939 at 3.00pm. Family flowers only please.

MAYHEW - John peacefully in Canada January 31st. Brother of Julian and of Falicity Harlow, (01449) 673427.

PEARCE - On 30th January 1999 at her home Dorks Louis aged 94 years. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Peaslake on Friday February 5th at 3 pm. Family flowers only but donations if dearled for St James' Church Spire Arceal may be sent to Appeal may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking RF4 ZES.

ROBLANS - Laura, peacefully in hospital on February 1st aged 51. Devoted wife of the lats Rev. P.C. Romans, loving mother of Catherine and John and grandmother of her five grandchildren. Funeral at All Saints, Sinnington, N. Yorks on February 5th at noon. Flowers to R.H. Barnes (P.D.) tol: 601751 477877.

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SCRVENOR - Mary
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Fernanagh at 12 noon on
Friday 19th February.

MIMONDS - Henry Clifton on 30th January aged 88, dearly loved husband of Diane and father of America and William. Funeral Service at Pushinger Crematorium on Monday 8th February at 11.15 am West Chapel. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan

D.F.C. peacefully at home, Inglewood Comrie, Inglewood Comrie, surrounded by his family on February 2nd 1998, the Feast of Candleman. Dearly beloved husband of Gilda, father of Helem and Robin, stapfather of David, and cherished grandfather. Episcopalian Funeral Service at Comrie and Strowan Parish. Church on Saturday February 8th at 2.30 pm. Burial thereafter at Comrie Comrie Cametery, All are Comrie Cametery, All are respectfully invited. TEDY - Lisa (née Hine), on lat February, peacafully but suddealy after a period of poor health. For 22 years the loving wife of Tom. She will be greatly missed. Thankegiving Service at Holy Trinity Church, Castalauu, Barnes at 11.30am, Saturday 6th February.

STEWART - John William D.F.C. peacefully at home

TOPHAM - Derek Cyruz, peacafully on Friday January 29th 1999, aged 88 For 62 years, the devoted husband of Phyllis, Much loved father of Richard and Gillian, grandfather, Funeral Service at 11.30am on Monday 8th February at Mortlake Crematorium, Towamead Road,

WHEELER - Anthony Oliver, much loved father of Deborah, Victoria, Mark and Jonathan, died peacefully at Wycombe General Hospital in the early hours of January 29th. Deeply missed by his insuly and iriends. Funeral at St. James Church, Oxford Road, Gerrante Croet, on Tuesday 9th February at 2.30 pm.

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Paul Mellon, American philanthropist, connoisseur and bibliophile, died yesterday aged 91. He was born on June 11, 1907.

aul Mellon became a byword for philanthropy. In 60 years he gave away more than \$600 million to benefit higher education, the arts, conservation and preservation, psychiatry, religion and science.

His lifelong love of English literature and English paintings. especially sporting ones, began while he was at Cambridge. He would buy in small galleries and bookshops in consultation only with his heart. In his lifetime he bought almost 2,000 British paintings, as well as some 5,000 prints and 20,000 rare British books, many of them illustrated. Most of the paintings were bought at a time whey they were unfashionable. Dealers wondered why he was not buying French or Dutch (which he did later), but it was Englishness, especially in rural scenes, that appealed to him.

it surprised none of Mellon's friends when he decided to make his biggest benefaction of all more than he devoted to building the East Wing of the National Gallery in Washington — to found-ing the Yale Centre for British Art at his old university, Yale, in 1977. It cost him \$165 million.

Mellon also poured millions of dollars into British institutions for which he had an affection. His beneficiaries included Oxford and Cambridge Universities, the Royal Veterinary College, the Tate Gallery and the Fitzwilliam Museum, He was also the moving force behind the Paul Mellon Foundation for British Art in Bloomsbury (now run from Yale), and he made all his benefactions with a blend of

quiet good humour, self-effacement and stylish enjoyment.

Paul Mellon was born in Pittsburgh, the son of Andrew Mellon, whose own father had emigrated from Northern Ireland to the United States and went on to found the Mellon Bank of Pittsburgh. Andrew Mellon, a banker of near genius, went on to make a vast fortune. He had a gift for spotting struggling companies in key industries which could be made profitable with new money and better management - both of which he supplied. He was involved in all the classic American industries, steel, oil and railroads, and by 1923 only two men in America were. paying more income tax: John D. Rockefeller and Henry Ford. Andrew Melion was still

bachelor at 47, living with his

elderly parents in Pittsburgh. Then, travelling to England on an ocean liner, he met and fell in love with a vivacious 18-year-old, Nora McMullen. She was returning from a world voyage with her family, who were brewers from Hertford. Melion proposed marriage and was turned down twice. But a year later he prevailed, and although the marriage was a disaster, ending in a public and acrimonious divorce, there were two children: Ailsa, who was to marry David Bruce, the future Ambassador to Britain, and Paul. The children were shared, spending six months of the year with each parent, and Mellon's childhood memories were sharply divided between winters spent in grand but gloomy houses in Pittsburgh, and summers - doubtless lengthened and brightened by nostalgia in the English countryside.

He went to school at Choate. Connecticut, and then to Yale, where he came under the spell of

PAUL MELLON



Paul Mellon leading in his 1971 Derby winner Mill Reef, mounted by Geoff Lewis

the university's great school of 18th-century English literature scholars. Then, rather to his father's chagrin, he went to Clare College, Cambridge. Friends there introduced him to fox-hunting and to racing at Newmarket, which he always considered the most beautiful racecourse in the world. Nor long afterwards, in 1935, he bought a painting of a racehorse called Pumpkin by George Stubbs. Less was then known about the artist than about the pedigree of the

18th-century stallion.

work at the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh. He hated it, but it took him three years to find the courage to tell his father. It was not easy to tell the cold and austere Andrew Mellon that he wasn't interested in banking, business or making money, but wanted to spend the family fortune on collecting pic-tures and books and making them available to the public in galleries. Mellon was painfully aware of his father's disappointment - though his artistic investments may well have been as profitable over time After Cambridge, Mellon went to as his father's business. best painter of horses in his day.

He also wanted to breed and train racchorses. This passion came from his mother, who grew up in England, learnt to ride well and wished her son to have the same pleasures. When he was a young man she let it be known that she wanted to buy him the best hunter in the world. The horse, Dublin. was an instant success, and Mellon liked it so much that he decided to be painted in the saddle. He liked to tell the story of going to the irascible Alfred Munnings, later President of the Royal Academy, who was the

Munnings forwarded a photograph of the finished painting to Mellon in America. Mellon wrote asking if he could tone down a willow tree in the background. Munnings responded: "First of all it is not a willow, it is a pollarded nak. Secondly, I have no intention of making any changes."

in 1936 his first racehorse,

bought while Mellon was up at Cambridge, was joint favourite for the Grand National with the legendary Golden Miller, the previous year's winner. Unfortunately Mellon's horse, Drinmore Lad, injured a leg and could not run. In 1954 he had his first win on the flat. with Lonely Hills, and in the years that followed his colours of "black, gold cross and stripe on cap" became a regular sight in winners' enclosures around the country. In 1968 the Jockey Club made him an honorary member.

Many of Mellon's horses, such as Sunninghill Park and Morris Dancer, though never high flyers, became great and profitable favourites with the crowds. But his reputation as an owner was lorged primarily with Mill Reef, one of the truly great colts of the century, bred by Mellon in the US and brought over to England in 1969. A compact little dark bay, with an enormous zest for racing, Mill Reef was beaten only twice. His victories, before his career was cut short by a shattered fetlock, included the Derby, the Eclipse, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, and

the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. At his home in Washington, Mellon displayed a striking collec-tion of racing trophies: the Washington International, the Belmont, the US Grand National, the United National Cup and the Jockey Club Gold Cup. But the trophy he pointed out to visitors was always a fountain pen bent in two. In 1975 he

was kicked in the ribs by a horse at Bath races. Two things, he said, saved his life, the pen in an inside pocket and "a good strong drink". Besides the Washington house. Mellon had five other homes: two in Massachusetts and one each in New York, Virginia and Antigua. All of these were hung with magnificent pictures by Constable. Gainsborough, Zoffany, Degas, Cézanne, Van Gogh, Millais and,

most especially, Stubbs. For 47 years Mellon was either president or chairman of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, which is based on the collections of his father. He had offices in both the East and the West wings. and when he decided to retire in 1985, the gallery mounted an exhibition in his honour drawn from the Queen's collections.

His first wife, Mary, died in 1946, and two years later Mellon mar-ried Rachel "Bunny" Lloyd, the distinguished landscape gardener who had created the most famous of American gardens, the Rose Garden at the White House, at the invitation of President Kennedy. She also designed the setting for the President's grave at Arlington cemetery.

In his later years, one of Mellon's great pleasures was the company of a few trusted friends, among whom was John Baskett, who helped to write his autobiography, Reflections in a Silver Spoon (1992).

Mellon was widely honoured by academic and sporting institutions, including Oxford, Cambridge, the Jockey Club and the Royal Veterinary College. As one of the great book collectors of the world, he was a member of both the Grolier Society and the Roxburghe Club.

He is survived by his second wife, and by the son and daughter of his first marriage.

### DON ROBERTSON

Don Robertson, AFC, wartime Fleet Air Arm and test pilot, died on January 5 aged 90. He was born on April 15, 1908.

AFTER a long and varied career in aviation which included flying mail in Canada's Northwest Territories in the 1930s, wartime service as a Fleet Air Arm fighter pilot and flight testing for Vickers, Don Robertson turned to operating commercial hovercraft in the 1960s. With a group of five business friends he founded the world's first commercial hovercraft service, Hovertravel, whose high-speed craft ply between Ryde, Isle of Wight, and Southsea to this

Not content with this, he later, with a friend E. W. Gifford, founded Griffon Hovercraft whose products are exported worldwide. The company's cricket pitch-drying machine caused a sensation when it was introduced at Lord's last summer.

Educated at Rugby, which he hated. Robertson shook off its emphasis on the classics to become an engineer apprentice at Armstrong Siddeley. shortly afterwards learning to fly at Brooklands flying

In the early 1930s he went to Canada where, after working for a series of engineering

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Robertson in a Spitfire in his test flying days

delivered airmail in primitive aircraft over the inhospitable Arctic wastes of the Northwest Territories. Frostbite, fuel shortages and forced landings were par for the course

Later in the 1930s he returned to England to become a dealer on the London Stock Exchange. This, though more lucrative, he found dull after Canada. But he kept up his flying, and hours after war was declared on September 3. 1939, was beating a path to the doors of the Admiralty where he was swiftly granted a commission in the Fleet Air Arm. From 1941 he was a fighter pilot with 809 Squadron in the aircraft carrier Victorious, where his Canadi-

firms that went bust in the grim economic climate, he an experience of flying over trackless wastes stood him in good stead in operations covering convoys over the vast expanses of sea to be patriolled on the Murmansk run.

From 1942 his flying skills were deployed as a test pilot for Vickers Supermarine at Boscombe Down. This was hazardous work, pushing successive marks of the Spitfire to the limits, as well as numerous other types. Test flying had other hazards, too. On one occasion his unmarked aircraft was mistaken for a German intruder over the Charmel coast and pursued by RAF aircraft. To add to his discomfiture, ship and shore batteries added 4.5 inch and 40mm Bofors shells to the machinegun fire of his pur-

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suers. He was awarded the Air Force Cross for his wartime service.

After these excitements he found his return to business life in London a trifle staid, but he was a keen sailor and competitor in offshore races. He several times won the multihull class in the Round the Island Race from Cowes and twice took second place with his co-skipper David Cooksey in the Round Britain Race. He had a passion for powerboating, too, and co-piloted the winning *Tramontana* in the 1962 Cowes-Torquay race.

Finally his engineering skills and love of aircraft and the sea found a happy outlet in designing and building hovercraft. This was a mode of high-speed transport that had fired his imagination after the pioneering demonstrations by Sir Christopher Cockerell in 1959. After a few mishaps in trials at Bembridge (including Robertson's slicing the tops off four fingers) he and five colleagues were ready to go into business. The inaugural Ryde-Southsea service was launched on July 24, 1965, cutting down the Isle of Wight-Portsmouth crossing from 35-40 minutes to 8-9 minutes.

Robertson retired as chairman of the company in 1972. His wife Ella died in 1984. He leaves their daughter Jane.

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### ROBIN NEDWELL in a light-hearted way, the

Robin Nedwell, comedy actor, died of a heart attack after falling from a roof, on February 2 aged 52. He was born on September 27, 1946.

AT THE end of 140 half-hour episodes of Doctor in the House and its sequels, Robin Nedwell said he was relieved when the series came to an end in 1976, but, being an actor mainly for the money, he was not sure what to do next. "I am a very anti-actor actor." he said. He thought the West End was ripping off its customers. "Grab the tourists, grab the punters from up North. Nuts to the intelligent audience." But he didn't like the intellectual pretensions of the subsidised theatre either. "The last three things I have seen at the National Theatre have

bored me stupid.™ As a result, although he continued to appear on television, notably as the smoothtalker in The Upchat Connection, and on stage, he never did better than with his first professional role, the cheeky, accident-prone Dr Duncan

Waring.
Television's Doctor in the House was a distant and rather poor relation of Richard Gordon's Doctor books of twenty years before, and followed on from the film of 1954. with its remarkable cast including Dirk Bogarde, Donald Sinden and Kenneth More. On television, the conceit of the show was that the young doctors scarcely had time to see the patients for looking at the nurses. Viewers were assonished to find how uniformly young and beautiful National Health Service nurses were — rather as lifeguards turned out to be in the 1990s - and the series offered undernanding bit parts to a long parade of would-be starlets. Their parts were then

appreciatively assessed in the small-format newspapers.
The series was largely written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie, who also appeared together in The Goodies. Perhaps because Garden was himself medically qualified, they were careful never to show doctors as professionally incompetent or to ridicule patients. Doctor in the House was followed by doctors at

Large, in Charge, on the Go and at Sea. Robin Nedwell was a Welsh-

man born in Birmingham. Although he claimed that he was an actor by accident, his dramatic debut was in Goldilocks in Cardiff when he was six, and he could recite the first line of that Welsh classic at the drop of a leek. Before going to the Central School of Speech and Drama in London, he briefly worked, unpaid, for the Welsh Theatre Company. Then, three days before leaving drama school, he was given the part of Dr Waring in the first Doctor series, making him the envy of 699 others who had auditioned.

He had only a tiny part in that run, and when it was over Nedwell - who did not like to undersell himself - dropped out to look for better things. He worked in America, and appeared as Roland in the television series The Lover. He had just been offered a West End part by Bernard Miles when his friend Barry Evans, who had been the star of the Doctor series, left it in 1972. Nedwell rejoined the show, and his Dr Duncan Waring became the Doctor in Charge. As senior houseman at the fictitious St Swithin's Hospital, he spent his time falling over himself trying to keep others in order while pursuing

his bachelor ambitions.

mapcap glamour extended beyond the screen, and Nedwell enjoyed being greeted at the stage door by adoring young women. In 1974, during the making of Doctor at Sea, he gave an interview by phone to a London radio station, along with the former Miss World Eva Rueber-Staier, during which they and a crackling line managed to give the impression that they had been married at sea.

On the contrary, he enjoyed being single, living in a flat in Kensington which had previously belonged to the actors William Franklyn and Jan McShane, and being seen in the company of a succession of actresses. After being placed among Britain's half-dozen most eligible bachelors he repeatedly said he was determined to stay that way until he was "at least 35". He just made it before marrying Heather

Inglis in 1982. Rather a dashing figure, Nedwell did not want to be limited to comic acting, and had a sideline in the choreographing of fights for stage and film, including Roman Polanski's Macbeth. Offstage. he relaxed by shooting and practising kendo - Japanese sword-fighting — and he four times played the idiosyncratic and duel-prone Mercutio in Romeo and Juliet.

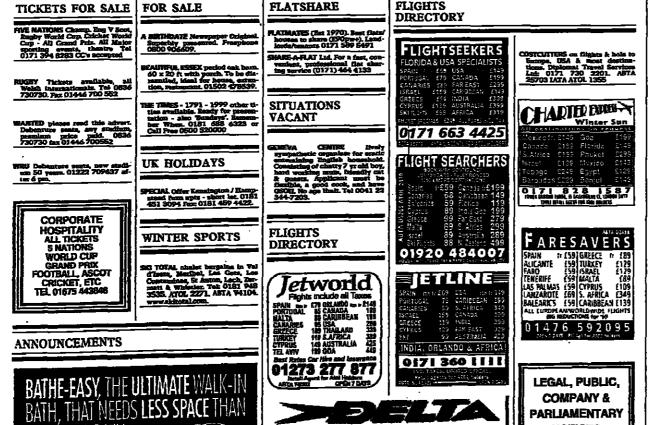
But his career depended on Doctor, and it depended on him. In 1971 it became the first London Weekend comedy to break into the mighty American market, when 52 programmes were sold for £200,000. Subsequently it was seen in the rest of the Englishspeaking world, and became the second longest running sitcom.

in the circumstances, Nedwell felt that he was insuffi-ciently rewarded. He complained about his syndication fees and high taxes, and turned himself into a limited company. He also leapt at the chance to take a stage version of Doctor in the House on tour in Australia, where it was a great success. In 1991 the Doctor formula was revived for a six-part series by the BBC.

His films included Stand Up Virgin Soldiers, based on Leslie Thomas's romp about British servicemen becoming men of the world in Singapore. "A mucky job." said Nedwell, "fighting terrorists in the jungles of Hertfordshire." He also played in The Taming of the Shrew with the RSC, and in 1989 he starred in a stage version of Brigadoon in London. He was last seen in a tour of The Sound of Music. He is survived by his wife.

from whom he was separated. and by their daughter.

# PERSONAL COLUMN





Netwell with rival medic Barry Evans in Doctor in the House. 1970

### OXFORD IN KHAKI

OF university sports or amusements there are practically none. The Boat Race has been cancelled. This is the term for the Torpids. But there are no rowing men. It is clear there will be no University Sports at the end of term. and practically certain that there will be no cricket match in July. Such football as goes on is the occasional recreation of the young soldier. A certain amount of field sports, also natural and useful to the soldier at home or abroad, still proceeds. Fox hunting is kept going on the countryside, and an occasional undergraduate officer on leave may join in it. The "Drag Hunt" still meets, and beagling is kept up by a combination of colleges and by constant capping. Some of the New College and Magdalen beagles have gone with their masters to the front. The ordinary undergraduate life has become still more attenuated. It is true that there are still about a thousand undergraduates in residence. but some 200, and those the more able

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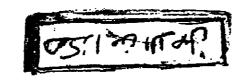
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Behind the many and varied activities of Oxford University in wartime lurked a growing concern over its financial future.

bodied, have gone since last term. And no new ones arrive, for the top boys from the public schools are still being intercepted by commissions directly any are ready. The largest contingent of those that remain is naturally that of the non-collegiate students. Of the colleges. the least empty, where none is full, are Keble and St Johns's, and next to them Queen's. New College, Jesus, and Balliol. The society which is the most reduced from its normal size is Trinity. which has now only 26 undergraduates in residence, one more than St Edmund

Hall, and four more than Corpus, smallest of all. The most important and vigorous classes perhaps are the Americans and the Indians, who show up more conspicuously by the absence of the average young Englishman ... It is striking, though only natural, that a large number of the "Blues" and sportsmen of recent years have already given themselves for the country. Of the scholars too, if not so many, yet many have taken commissions and disappeared . . .

In addition, there are several battalions of Territorials and of the new Army in training, whose presence is an important factor in the life of the place. The officers of the 4th Battalion of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry have been billeted for many weeks in New College, those of the 8th Battalion in Magdalen. The men of both are billeted in the town, a lucky thing for the lodging house keepers, whose rooms would otherwise be standing empty. Christ Church is the abode of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars . . .



# THE TIMES TODAY

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### NEWS

### Hoddle sacked for 'serious error'

■ Glenn Hoddle was sacked as England's football coach last night after 36 hours of frantic discussions over his suggestion that the disabled were paying for the sins of a previous life.

The Football Association told Hoddle that he had damaged himself and his employers with his remarks in an interview with The Times, and that his position had become untenable. Hoddle later admitted that he had made a serious error of judg-

### Life for stabbing lover's wife

■ The amateur actress Jenny Cupit was jailed for life for bludgeoning and stabbing to death her lover's wife. The 24-year-old mother of two changed her plea on the fifth day of her trial and admitted murdering Kathryn Linaker, a 33-year-old deputy ..... Pages 1, 3 headmistress...

### Family planning row

Family planning organisations criticsed a leading gynaecologist after he suggested fitting teenage girls with a new device that will stop them having a baby for three years. John Guillebaud, medical director of the Margaret Pyke Family Planning Centre in London, said the girls could be fitted with the device when they are vaccinated... ... Page 2

### Shed industry

When Martin Perry, a former shepherd, began making trinket boxes in his garden shed four years ago, he had no idea that he would find himself as the creator of the world's fastest-growing line of collectables. Today he employs 400 people and has an annual turnover of £16.5 million...Page 5

### Hostages released

Two Britons held hostage in Yemen for 15 days were freed after receiving apologies and gifts from their kidnappers.Eddie and Mary Rosser, and a Dutch family abducted with them, were released into the safekeeping of the tribal sheikh who was reportedly behind their abduction ..... Page 7

### Irvine accused

Lord Irvine of Lairg was accused of further "cronyism" after it emerged that the bulk of legal work that he has commissioned as Lord Chancellor has gone to his former chambers......Page 8

Nanny goes home The nanny who shook a sixmonth-old baby to death was freed to return to Australia after a judge ruled that she needed help rather than punishment.Louise Sullivan, 27, will fly back to Sydney for treatment......Page 9

### Sword of mystery

Mystery surrounds the whereahouts of a traditional short sword which Japanese officials say they gave to Juan Antonio Samaranch. President of the International Olympic Committee......Page 10

### Peace agreement

The Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) indicatedy that it would attend the peace conference planned to start in Rambouillet on Saturday, putting pressure on Belgrade to follow suit ..... Page 11

### Clinton case

After failing to uncover any new bombshells during their interrogation of Monica Lewinsky prosecutors in the impeachment trial of President Clinton turned their attention to his confidant Vernon Jordan... .... Page 12

### Medical plans

Old Hong Kong was built on manufacturing, which has largely disappeared Now, in an attempt to fill the vacuum, there are ambitions to develop the territory into an international centre for Chinese medicine......Page 13

### Love flies out through the window

■ A henpecked bird is on the loose after crashing through a window to escape the advances of his partner. Peter, an eightyear-old South American green-winged macaw, had endured months of unwanted attention from Prudence at their owners' pet shop in Frome, Somerset. On Monday, Prudence inched along the perch once too often ... .. Page 9



The promise of an early spring was emphasised as daffodils were picked at Hayle, Cornwall, after one of the century's warmest Januaries

### BUSINESS

Brazil shock: The Brazilian Government stunned the international markets by sacking its Central Bank governor for the second time in a month... ..Page 21 Accountants humiliated: PricewaterhouseCoopers have followed the news that they had been fined £3.5 million for their inadequacies over years of auditing the Robert Maxwell empire with a humiliating admission of failure.... .... Page 21 Chief goes: Reckitt & Colman announced that its chief executive Vernon Sankey was to step down with immediate effect... Markets: The FTSE 100 rose 0.60 points to 6013.0. The pound rose

0.57 cents to \$1.6461 and 0.06p

against the euro at 68.98p. Thein-

dex fell to 100.7...

### SPORT . Rugby union: Will Carling, the

former England captain, is coming out of retirement to make a surpise comeback at club level with Harlequins, his former team ..... Page 38 Rallying: Ford, who finished third in the Monte Carlo Rally last month, have had their points stripped, leaving driver Colin McRae furning.... ......Page 37 Cricket: Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, has announced his retirement from the international game following his side's Ashes series vic-

Football: Juninho, the Brazil international, has turned down a move to either Middlesbrough, his former club, or Aston Villa and is staying in Spain.. ... Page 36 .. Page 24

Recall that Jazz: The work of Bob Fosse, the late director and choreographer of shows such as Cabaret and Damn Yankees, is a hit all over again on Broadway......Page 28 Highbrow lowdown: "Live broadcasts are so much more interesting than playing CDs," Roger Wright, the new Controller of Radio 3, tells Richard Morrison......Page 29 United notions: The Italian conductor Riccardo Chailly has built a stunning partnership with Amsterdam's Concertgebouw Orchestra. Now they woo London ..... Page 30 CD offer: Times readers can enjoy the world's greatest music in the company of the world's greatest writers at a special price. Today, Kazuo Ishiguro discusses Chopin's piano masterpieces...

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IN THE TIMES

James Christopher sees

Morocco in *Hideous* 

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Kate Winslet ship out to

### The big sleep: Now it is known that patients can be cooled so that life signs disappear for about an hour, scientists have started searching for techniques that will allow indefinite suspension \_\_\_\_\_Page 14

Nigel Hawkes: The quest for the origins of life in space......Page 14 A husband writes: "Joanna is depressed. The due date for our baby has come and gone with no sign of nativity. Well-meaning friends keep calling to see if we have birthed, and with each call Joanna gets more fretful." ..

Letdown: In the second extract from her diary, Lauren Slater, the pyschologist who has taken Prozac for ten yers, feels betrayed when the pills stop working ...... Page 15

Special agents: What makes a good estate agent and who is at the ....Page 33 All at sea: Hebridean crofters look for buyers as rural recession forces them out of isolation ...... Page 33

### A team of researchers has con-

firmed that the source of the Aids virus, is almost certainly a subspecies ol a chimpanzee. It is still being hunted and with a rapacity that will guarantee its extinction. There could be no clearer demonstration of the immediate human value of preserving biodiversity

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Preview: A getaway driver explains why he became a supergrass (BBC1, 10.15pm) Review: How the other half lives: Joe Joseph watches Coming Clean Pages 38, 39

### Gladstone's shade

Nato has taken a decision of great moment, of which the alliance's publics are barely aware. It is planning to send ground troops to Kosovo, effectively turning part of rump Yugoslavia into a Nato protectorate. British soldiers are likely to be the largest component of this \_\_Page 17

### The hoddle story

Glenn Hoddle had failed to separate his rights of free speech from his duties as one of the most influencial men in a game with vast influence over the life of BritainPage 17

### Face the music

Classical music may value harmony but debate over its broadcasting 

### SIMON JENKINS

Who will audit the auditors? Surely it cannot be left to a profession that admits it should have fingered Robert Maxwell long before he set sail but preferred his shilling \_\_ Page 16

### **BRONWEN MADDOX**:

"Niggardly" will not be the last word to fall victim to the spreading realm, of the taboo. It is a minor casualty of the fact that the great American experiment started from an untenable point and the country has not yet succeeded in making its black citizens feel recompensed for that injury...

### ALAN COREN

Friends, you cannot imagine the joy I took in clobbering that paragraph. How refreshingly different it is from the inconsequential witterings with which I normally pester your Wednesdays! ..... Page 16

### Paul Mellon, philanthropist; Don Robertson, test pilot: Robin Ned-

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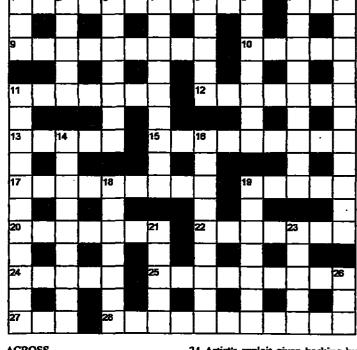
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  7 Unknown doctor's written about extreme discomfort (3).
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- close shave (4.5).

  10 To alarm the old man's less than kind (5).

  11 Animal tracks crossing America
- from East to West (7).

  12 Published a remarkable children's writer (7).

  13 For a long period, it's flipping hard to manage (5).
- Some lingo that's new-fashioned [9].

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  - ing to young man's advice (9).

    19 Charming female father and son finally meet (5).

    20 Inferior in bad temper after get-
  - ting out (2.5).
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### Solution to Puzzle No 21,016



### 24 Artist's exploit given backing by Tate originally (5).

- 25 Helping on plane journey overseas (9). 27 The old and new money (3). 28 Establish spy's taken in English
- royal family (11). DOWN Turning up right away, was first to finish (3).
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- 3 Not on the field, but on the ball? Person getting in a fix in ocean
- vessel (9).
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- at sea (7). 7 Boat's propeller – one beyond re-covery found outside lido.
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  8 Funding for minor purposes both appropriate and necessary (6,5).

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- versatile opener (8.3).

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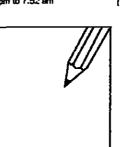
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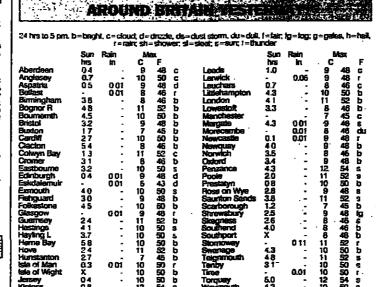
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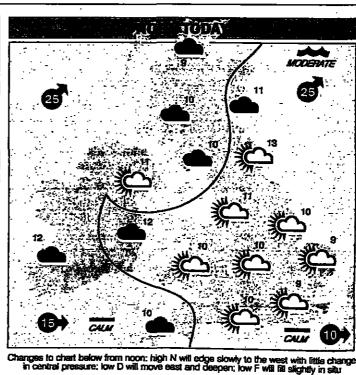
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Markets stunned as Governor loses job to Soros aide after three weeks

# Brazil replaces new bank chief



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THE BRAZILIAN Government yesterday stunned international markets by sacking its Central Bank Governor for the second time in a month and naming a senior director from George Soros's investment company to the

Francisco Lopes is to step down as Governor only three weeks after replacing Gustavo Franco, in the wake of the Government's decision to float the Brazilian currency, the real.

He is to be replaced by Arminio Fraga, managing di-rector of Soros Fund Management and a former director of International Affairs at the Brazilian Central Bank.

The appointment comes after a week of heated speculation over the future of both Senhor Lopes and Pedro Malan. the Brazilian Finance Minister. Rumours that Brazil was on the verge of imposing a freeze on bank accounts

### EURO HETS LOW AGAINST STERLING

THE euro slid to a record low against the pound yesterday after fresh data pointed to a further slowdown in curoland

UK £ to 1 Euro

Friday sending the real to a record low.

Markets are also anxiously

awaiting the outcome of talks

between Senhor Malan and the

International Monetary Fund

over the release of its second \$9

billion instalment from a total

Senhor Malan is known to

have met Senhor Fraga at the

end of last week, although at the

time the Government said that

\$41.5 billion rescue package.

The euro touched 68.60p. some 5 per cent below its launch price, after the release of a survey showing manufacturing output in the euro area bad contracted for the fourth month running.

However, with interest rate decisions in Britain, Europe and the US expected during

it was not intending to undertake an overhaul of Bank personnel. Yesterday it tried to play down the connections with Mr Soros insisting that Senhor Fraga has now severed all links

with the Soros funds and did

not necessarily share the views

of his former boss. However, the markets were hopeful that the appointment could lead to a relaxation in Brazil's punitively high interest rates after Mr Soros's forthright attack on the country's economic policy at the World Economic Forum in Davos on

the next two days, trading was

largely muted. The euro later

recovered to close marginally

up on the day at 68.98p.
The Federal Open Market

Committee will make its deci-

sion today, with interest rates

expected to be left on hold after

unexpectedly strong fourth-quarter GDP growth. The European Central Bank is also

expected to leave rates un-

changed. But the market be-

lieves that the Bank of Eng-

land will cut rates tomorrow.

Mr Soros claimed that the decision to raise interest rates after floating the currency was a disastrous move" and called on the International Monetary Fund and Western governments to provide a "wall of money" to help to stabilise the

aire speculator added that the real was now heavily undervalued. He has not revealed the extent of his investments in Brazil, but first employed Senhor Fraga in 1993 to help to build

up his exposure to the region. Analysis gave Senhor Fraga's appointment a warm welcome claiming he has practical experience of working in volatile markets and is well known in international financial circles.

But there was concern that he might face a bumpy ride in the Brazilian Congress, which will have to confirm the appointment. Senators are unlikely to be impressed by Sen-hor Fraga's links with Mr Soros, the world's best-known financial speculator.

The surprise move caused immediate wobbles in Brazilian markets as traders digested the news. Shares fell more than 3 per cent in the first hour of trading before settling about 2 per cent lower. The real slid from 1.75 to 1.84 to the dollar, but closed back at 1.75.





# Maxwell's auditor admits 'we fell short'

Ry ROBERT BRUCE AND JON ASHWORTH

nies controlled by the late Rob-en Maxwell finally came clean yesterday, admitting that it had fallen "short of standards" in auditing the accounts of the late publishing tycoon.

The firm, Coopers & Ly-brand, which became PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) on merging with Price Waterhouse last year, was yesterday censured, fined £1.2 million and ordered to pay costs of £2.1 million over failings in its auditing of the Maxwell group of companies by accountancy profession regulators. The penal-ties are the biggest ever levied against an accountancy firm. Accepting all the findings against the firm, Peter Hazell, managing partner of PwC, admitted: "We fell short of the

standards we set ourselves. We lacked objectivity and scepti-cism. We accept that." In addition to the penalties against the firm, four partners, all still with PwC, were also criticised.

John Cowling, the engage-ment partner for London and Bishopsgate International Investment Management and for First Tokyo Index Trust, both Maxwell funds, was censured and fined £11,050 plus costs of £75,000. Other partners. Stephen Wootten and Nicholas Parker, were admonished and ordered to pay £10,000 each in costs over their roles while another partner Ian Steere was ordered to pay £5,000 in costs.

The Joint Disciplinary Scheme (JDS), which polices the accountancy profession. found that Coopers "lost the plot" in its dealings with the 1991 - three months before

Maxwell died.

A lack of objectivity in dealing with Maxwell and his companies lay at the heart of many of the complaints against Coopers. The complaints reveal shortcomings in both vigilance and diligence and a failure to achieve an appropriate degree of objectivity and scepticism, which might have led to to an earlier recognition and expos-ure of the reality of what was oc-curring," the JDS report said.

They included such issues as failing to ensure that huge unsecured loans of pension fund as-sets to Maxwell's private companies were disclosed in public company accounts and reported to Imro, the investment management regulatory organisa-tion; failing to consider, despite all the evidence, whether there was evidence of fraud and unlawful acts that would have required "whistleblowing"; and failing to qualify crucial public

company accounts. The firm's lead partner on the work, Peter Walsh, who has since died, is described as being of "the old school" and in awe of Maxwell, whose ultimate depredations were, for him, "perplexing and out of character". Coopers compounded this problem by understaffing the work and not providing enough people who had rele-vant experience.

One manager's notes in an assessment of the control environment are quoted in the report as saying "board and management one and the same, no internal independent review



Vernon Sankey is leaving the group he joined in 1971 after seven years as chief executive

# euro lifts Liffe trade

By CAROLINE MERRELL

THE launch of the euro boosted trading volumes at Liffe, London's futures exchange, by 47 per cent last month. The total value of contracts traded at the exchange reached £4.716 billion in January, com-

pared with £3.227 billion in the previous month. However, on a year-on-year basis, trading volumes during the month were down 6 per cent. Trading levels were boosted because of the introduction of futures contracts based on Euribor.

Hugh Freeburg, Liffe's chief executive, said: "Liffe's Euribor Futures contract has grown from zero to €403 billion open interest, making it the most successful launch ever of a finan cial futures contract. Liffe's Euribor contract has been regularly breaking records and on January 27, set a new record trading £122 billion." It was feared that Liffe would lose business to other futures mar-

# Launch of Reckitt & Colman to offer Sankey payoff of £900,000

By Sarah Cunningham

VERNON SANKEY is to part company with Reckitt & Col-man, the Dettol-to-Lemsip group where he has been chief executive for seven years and where he has been employed

Mr Sankey, who was paid £503,000 last year, is expected to receive about £900,000 compensation for the loss of his iob. In a statement Reckitt & Colman said that the next phase of its strategy "requires the appointment of a new chief

Shares in the company shot 50½p higher to close at 870p on renewed speculation that the company could face a bid. Unilever, cash-rich after the sale of its speciality chemicals busi-ness to ICI and which is keen to build its stable of consumer brands, is seen as the most likely bidder.

with immediate effect. He may be confirmed in the job. although the company is also hiring headhunters in its quest for a permanent replacement. Mr Sankey will stay on the board for a two-month hand-

over period.

Reckitt & Colman issued a profits warning in November, complaining that trading results were below expectations because of problems in Asia and the US. Brokers have recently made further down-grades of their profit forecasts because of worries about sales of the company's products in

Mr Sankey, 49, has thoroughly restructured the group during his time in charge, fo-cusing on over-the-counter medicines and branded household goods. Reckitt said yesterday that its strategy remained

# Fed moves on hedge funds

THE Federal Reserve has ordered US banks to keep a tighter rein on hedge funds after the Long Term Capital Management disaster last year.

In the first concrete step to regulate hedge funds, the Fed ruled that banks need to know the risks taken by fund managers before lending them money. The Fed called for a dual system of internal and indethe banks.

The order was issued as LTCM announced Nobel prize winner Myron Scholes and William Krasker, two of the fund's original partners, were

last autumn led to fears of a systemic risk to the world economy and triggered a \$3.6 billion (£2.18 billion) bailout by 14 Wall Street banks.

Most of the banks had been business partners of the fund that was run by a motley crew of star traders and Nobel laureates. Wall Street chiefs had been so impressed by their credentials that they failed to

A Washington committee of Wall Street bankers and finance experts is currently working on guidelines for hedge funds. At the height of its troubles, the LTCM is believed to have borrowed \$100

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Hector the tax inspector

By CAROLINE MERRELL

MORE than half a million people could be fined up to a total of £50 million by the Inland Revenue after failing to file their tax returns by the end-ofyear deadline at the weekend. In total, nine million tax forms were due from taxpayers working under the new self-assessment rules. The Inland Revenue said yesterday that it had received only 82 million returns from this total. Last year, i.l million tax forms failed to reach the Inland Revetal of 820,000 people were fined. The revenue said yesterday that 300,000 of these tax forms were still outstanding.

Those who missed the deadline will face an automatic fine of up to £100, while those who missed last year's deadline, and still have not submitted the form, face paying another £100 penalty.

"Overall the results of the second year of self-assessment are encouraging and they show that both taxpayers and their advisers are becoming more familiar with the new

system," said an Inland Reve-

nue spokesman. But although more taxpayers are hitting the deadlines, evidence from this year suggest many are still leaving it until the last minute, with one million taxpayers submitting their forms on Sat-urday or Sunday. The 650,000 who failed to

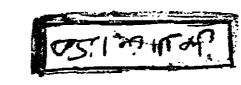
submit forms will be fined according to how much tax they owe. A spokesman said that only the critically ill would es-cape the fine. Those who owe less than £100 in tax would not have to pay the full penalty for the missed deadline. As well as the one-off penalty, any unpaid

cent on the outstanding tax. A recent report from the Inland Revenue revealed that the total cost of introducing the self-assessment tax regime was about £800 million. The exercise involved a £60 million training programme to help staff in 600 offices get to grips with the new regime.

tax would be subject to interest

payments at a rate of 8.5 per

LINKS



### ARM up on profits increase

Shares in ARM Holdings, the microprocessor designer float-ed at 800p last April, rose 100p yesterday to close at £18.25 after the company announced better than expected profits. Profits for the year to December 31 more than doubled to £9.4 million, from £4.5 million. Earnings per share were 12.5p (7.4p). There is no divi-dend. Tempus. page 24

### US bus buy National Express has bought

a second US school bus company. It is to pay £15 million for Robinson Bus Service. which runs II routes in Chicago. Detroit and Philidelphia and made El.1 million profits on E14 million sales in its latest year. National paid £11.6 million for Crabtree-Harmon in Missouri four months ago.

Staffware warning Paul Fullagar and John O'Connell, chairman and chief executive of Staffware. an AIM-listed software company, yesterday saw their paper losses in a year reach £22 million and £15 million, respectively, as its shares fell 27 per cent on a profit warning blamed on rising marketing costs. Over 12 months, they have fallen from 945p to 190p.

### Debenhams sale

Terry Green, chief executive of Debenhams, has sold £109.950 worth of shares in it. the department store company said yesterday. The sale of 30.000 shares at 366 p on Monday leaves him with 50.427 shares, a 0.013 per cent stake. Debenhams shares still rose yesterday from 350':p to 379:p on a recommendation upgrade from Merrill Lynch.

### DeVilbiss referral Kim Howells, Competition Minister, has referred a pro-

posed acquisition of DeVilbiss Medequip by Air Products and Chemicals to the Monopolies Commission after Office of Fair Trading advice on the market for oxygen concentrators in the UK. It is due to report by May 7.

### Radio venture

Kelvin MacKenzie, chief executive of Talk Radio. has linked up with Chris Evans. the broadcaster, and Clear Channel. a US media group. to bid for regional digital radio licences. Bids for the first such licence, for Greater London, must be made by May.

# 'Symbol of rebirth' for Ulster calls in receivers

BY ADAM JONES

MACKIE INTERNATIONAL the company once held up by President Clinton as a "symbol of Northern Ireland's rebirth". has called in the receivers, jeop-ardising about 310 jobs and £32 million of public money.

The West Belfast engineer was founded in the 1840s, making it one of the Province's old-est companies. It made machinery for the textiles industry but was trying desperately to diversify into castings and machine parts as clothmakers struggled. Mackie was the setting for President Clinton's keynote speech during his visit to Northern Ireland in December 1905. He praised the co-op-

eration of Catholic and Protestant workers on the shop floor. He said Mackie had long been a symbol of world-class engineering: 'The textile machines you make permit people to weave disparate threads into remarkable fabrics. That is now what you must do here

in Northern Ireland." Mackie's stock market history was turbulent, however. It listed in 1994 and its shares peaked at 159/2p in 1996. Its 1996 annual results had to be revised. What had been a 5400,000 profit had to be changed to a £7.2 million loss. The executive chairman at the time, Paul Dougan, and the fi-

nance director, Shaun Harte, à former DeLorean Motor Company director, left the company. A £5 million rights issue then flopped in August 1997. The shares were suspended at 915p last October when it said it was close to making an acquisition. The company it was chasing turned out to be Shield, an engi-

neer based in Leicester. Shield was wanted for its order book but Mackie could not raise the necessary £14 million. A spokeswoman for Mackie said yesterday that it needed just £500,000 more to do the deal. However, it is thought that some of the bid would have been funded in shares.

Deloitte & Touche, the accountant, was called in as administrative receiver yesterday by Ulster Bank, a subsidiary of NatWest. The Deloitte team is headed by Roger Powdrill and Tom Keenan. Mackie owes £18.3 million.

Attempts to save the business are likely to centre on its newest foundry, which cost £15 million and opened in 1996. It is thought that foreign buyers will be approached. Since 1990, the Industrial Development Board of Northern Ireland has pumped £32 million into Mackie to keep it affoat.



Sir Neville Simms says he is revealing Tarmac's value

### Chief agrees to split Tarmac

By Fraser Nelson

SIR NEVILLE SIMMS, chief executive of Tarmac, has agreed to split the company in two - bowing to shareholders who demanded action after its failed merger talks with the rival Aggregate Industries. Tarmac's construction divi-

sion, which is carrying out £1 billion of Private Finance Initiarive work for the Government, is to be split from the heavy building materials division in the autumn.

City analysts believe that Sir Neville is preparing the remaining Tarmac for a merger. either as the dominant partner with Aggregate Industries or with another rival.

Sir Neville said: "The City will be able to see the true value of both businesses, and there will be no more stories about how Tarmac Construction is worth nothing. They will be able to merge or make partnerships without worry-ing about the other one."

Analysts believe that the construction division would need a heavy injection of capital to

become independent. Aggregate Industries, which six weeks ago broke off take-over talks, had meant to spin off Tarmac's construction divi-

sion if the merger succeeded. Tarmac Construction generates 57 per cent of group sales. but only 17 per cent of profits. Sir Neville said it may be sold and demerged simultaneously. The Tarmac name will stay with the building materials division. Demerger details will be given on March 16.

Tarmac shares rose 41/2p to

### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

### **British Energy set** to confound City

BRITISH ENERGY yesterday surprised the City with an upbeat forecast of its results, saying pre-tax profits would beat expectations at more than £270 million. Some analysts had pencilled in estimates of about £240 million compared with last year's profits of £191 million. Its shares climbed 27p to 723/ap after the nuclear generator said it had boosted output by 3.9 per cent over the past year. It said it would exceed analysts' forecasts for the results — that are published in May - if inflation did not jump above 3 per cent

and if there are no sudden shutdowns at its power stations.

The market is trying to predict British Energy's next significant move. It was beaten by Electricité de France in the bid battle for London Electricity but the company has made clear its wish to expand its generation by trying to buy coal-fired stations from PowerGen and National Power.

### Granada pay protest

GERRY ROBINSON, chairman of Granada. and other executive directors will face a "fat cats" protest today as they arrive for a shareholders meeting at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London. Broadcasting unions that have balloted for strike action throughout Granada Media plan to deliver bags full of artificial money to highlight what they see as the disparity between the 14 per cent pay rises of the executive directors and the staff pay award of 3.6 per cent.

### Lafarge rises 53%

LAFARGE GROUP, the building materials group that bought Redland in 1997, yesterday said that 1998 sales were up 53 per cent to 69.8 billion (£6.8 billion). Excluding results from Redland, the rise was 8 per cent. Sales posted by former Redland units over the whole year were £2.9 billion. an increase of 3 per cent on 1997 or a 1 per cent increase on the same reporting basis. Lafarge said that it saw a slight increase in business in Western Europe.

### RBS raises \$250m

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND has raised \$250 million (£156 million in preference shares in US markets to bolster its capi-tal base. The bank said the preference share issue would lift its tier I capital ratio by 0.3 percentage points from the 6.6 per cent reported with its year-end profits at the end of September. Its capital base was slightly diluted by its recent purchase of the remaining 23.5 per cent stake in Citizens, its US subsidiary. Raising money in the US helps to balance its international books.

### ITG plans Net service

AN INTERNET service provider is in talks with retailers and media groups to launch rival services to Dixons's Freeserve. Internet Technology Group, which has partnerships with tele-coms groups such as Energis. WorldCom and Cable & Wire-less, also reported maiden profits, turning a £2 million loss the previous year into a £55,000 pre-tax surplus for the 12 months to October 31. Sales were £11 million, up from £4 million, while earnings per share were 0.12p (6.61p loss).

### Caradon sells Terrain

CARADON, the building products group, has furthered its dis-posal programme with the sale of Terrain, its plastic pipes business, for £27 million. The sale was flagged last year by Jürgen Hintz, chief executive, who wants the group to focus on plumbing, electrical controls and printing personalised cheque books. Terrain made £1.2 million profit from revenues of £25.5 million last year. Caradon also wants to sell its US and UK doors and windows businesses and its UK steel lintels business.

### Arjo revenue falls

ARIO WIGGINS APPLETON, the paper group, said that revenue fell 3.6 per cent in the December quarter to £813.6 million. The company said that volumes were 2.8 per cent lower than in the same period a year earlier and that prices also dropped. This took revenue for 1998 to £3.18 billion, down 2.6 per cent. Ken Minton, chairman, said that a strategic committee had been created to determine growth prospects for the group's three divisions and how they should be split.

### **Eurodis sales decline**

EURODIS ELECTRON, the electronic component distributor, yesterday said that a weak UK market and slower growth in mainland Europe were to blame for falling sales. The group reported pre-tax profits of £3.4 million for the six months to November 30 (£3.6 million) from sales that fell to £146.3 million (£152.5 million). Earnings were down to 2.79p a share (3.44p), but the interim dividend of 2.15p was maintained. The shares, which were 1851/2p last May, yesterday fell 51/2p to 67p.

### **SOMI** wins contract

AN AIM-LISTED sports advertising group backed by John Beckwith, the property entrepreneur, said yesterday that it had signed up to advise the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "on all aspects of its commercial activities". Sports & Outdoor Media International said that it would give advice on sponsorship rights and perimeter advertising hoardings at Test cricket grounds under a contract that is expected to generate £80 million for the ECB.

### **Unigate buys Wessex**

UNIGATE, the dairy company, has agreed to buy the doorstep milk delivery business of Wessex Dairies for £7 million in cash. The acquisition, dependent on approval from the Office of Fair Trading, includes 20 milk delivery depots serving more than 150,000 customers, mostly in the West of England, with annual turnover of £25 million. Chris Roberts, managing director of Unigate Dairies, said: "This acquisition again demonstrates our commitment to doorstep delivery."

# Edmonds mobile call

DAVID EDMONDS, the Director-General of Telecommunications, called on Britain's four mobile telephone operators to come up with clear information on the quality of their services after his own survey revealed wide variations in call success rates (Raymond Snoddy writes).

A survey by the regulator, which was carried out in December by independent consultants, revealed differing success rates that were dependent on geography and mode of transport.

The survey found that on four rail routes tested. Orange performed best with an 89 per cent success rate, followed by Cellnet (79 per cent), One-2 -One (78 per cent) and Vodasone (73 per cent). In the City of London all net-works performed well, with Orange again coming top with a 98 per cent suc-

Mr Edmonds said yesterday that more comprehensive data was now required. He gave warning that if the mobile operators did not start providing greater information for customers he would consider further use of his statutory powers to ensure it happened.

# Pakistan hits Hub

HUB POWER, a Pakistani power generator in which National Power has a 26 per cent stake, yesterday had its bank accounts frozen in a dramatic escalation of its long-running dispute with state authorities (Saeed Shah writes).

National Power has taken a hit of £25 million in its interim results as a result of losses at Hubco and Kot Addu, its other power project in Pakistan, with analysts predicting further decreases as the dispute surrounding its previously lucrative Pakistani investments drags on. The Pakistani Government has fro-

Up to

zen Hubco's bank accounts after it refused to pay a two billion rupee (£23.5 million) demand for withholding tax on shares issued over the past few years. Kurshid Husain, chief executive of Hubco, says no such tax exists and that the company will appeal.

Islamabad accuses Hubco of corruption and overcharging customers, allegations that the company has denied. National Power paid \$101 million (£61 million) for its Hubco holding, and it invested \$291 million for a 36 per cent stake in Kot Addu.

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### BAT ruling overturned on appeal

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

A FLORIDA court has overturned a landmark anti-smoking ruling against British American Tobacco that had threatened to trigger a flood of

costly claims. The state appeals court has ruled that the case, in which the family of Roland Maddox, a smoker who died of cancer. won \$1 million damages from BAT last year, had been riddled with errors. It was found that the case had been heard by the wrong court and had made ille-

gitimate use of BAT documents. The Maddox family were re-cipients of the first million-dollar payout in a product liability case against a US tobacco company. The ruling was hailed as a breakthrough by anti-smoking campaigners. Thousands of other smokers and their families had hoped the case would set a precedent for further payouts to suffer-

ers of tobacco-related illnesses. Brown & Williamson, the BAT subsidiary that manufactures Lucky Strike eigarettes. said the volte face by the Florida courts was a "huge victory".

The overturning of the Maddox verdict comes after the collapse of several other cases

against tobacco companies over the issue of smokers' health.

### American regulator attacks SB

BY PAUL DURMAN

THE US Food and Drug Administration has severely criti-cised SmithKline Beecham for serious and persistent failures in hygiene standards at a Pennsylvania manufacturing plant. In its strongly worded warn-

ing letter to Jan Leschly, America's medicines watchdog holds the SB chief executive personally responsible for the "significant deviations from Current Good Manufacturing Practices". It says: "As top management, the responsibili ty to ensure that all requirements of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and its associated regulations are met belongs

to you."
The letter, sent last month, continues: "Failure to promptly take corrective action may result in regulatory action without further notice. Possi-ble actions include seizure and/ or injunction. Also, the Philadelphia District Office will recommend disapproval of any new applications listing your firm as the manufacturer of

sterile drug products." It is rare for a leading drugs group to receive an FDA warning letter. Shares in SB, which is hoping for rapid approval of its new diabetes drug, dropped 28/2p to 819/2p yesterday.

# Bank warns of gilt yield threat to OAPs

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

GILT YIELDS could fall to a record low of 2 per cent in the next few years, pushing many new pensioners into a life of poverty, according to a new report from Barclays Capital.

The investment bank believes demographic factors are starting to push down returns from all financial assets, including stocks and shares, as an increasing number of people begin to look for ways of saving for their retirement. As financial returns slide

people will have to put more

money aside for their old age.

This could significantly reduce consumer spending and worsen the deflationary spiral in the economy, the bank's annu-

al Equity-Gilt Study suggests.
Barclays Capital believes
that yields on government
bonds will be particularly depressed as inflation continues This is bad news for people

approaching retirement for whom gilt yields are significant as they determine how much of a pension income they will get when they purchase an annuity from an in-

surance company. Gilt yields are currently at a postwar low of about 4 per cent, leaving new pensioners with half the income they could have re-ceived ten years ago.

Fortunately, the soaring value of gilts and bonds - which is responsible for the dramatic slide in their yields during the 1990s -- means many new pensioners will have amassed much larger pensions funds than they might have expected. As a result they may be able to offset the fall in annui-



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Interpreneurs provide the lifeblood of the economy. From small, energetic, businesses can larger companies grow, creating the jobs essential to the country's prosperity. Big businesses, meanwhile, are either becoming even bigger, indulging in the latest round of mega-mergers in the hope that two sets of profits can be sustained on less than two sets of staff, or they are turning into

staff, or they are turning into smaller businesses themselves. subjected to enforced slimming regimes in the hope of sustaining long-term health.

The Times recognises the importance of the entrepreneurial

spirit and today we announce the launch of an initiative to reward the best of Britain's entrepreneurs. The search will range widely, with regional finals leading to the selection of national winners in several different categories. And because the Entrepreneur of the Year programme is being led by Ernst & Young, there is an added international dimension. The ultimate British winner could find himself — or herself: an increasing number of entrepreneurs are female — at a conference in the US comparing notes with the winners of contests held in 20 different countries.

The chance to talk with others who are battling to build businesses is one that most entrepreneurs would appreciate, for they can find theirs all onely existence. the best of Britain's entrepre-

can find theirs a lonely existence. Politicians all agree that entrepreneurs are a force for good and say so, often and loudly. "We will

# The lifeblood of the economy

lead a crusade to develop in Britain the spirit of enterprise, so characteristic of the United States, so that we seize the new. big opportunities before us," declared Peter Mandelson before his abrupt departure from the Department of Trade and Indus-

been uttered by any of his Tory predecessors or by Stephen Byers, the current incumbent. But actions to aid the lot of entrepreneurs flow less freely than the warm words. Red tape re-mains a stultifying problem, de-spite the establishment of various task forces promising to wield shears. The CBI recently begged

for more cuts in the bureaucratic

burdens that hamper business. McKinsey, when set to work by the Chancellor to determine why British productivity lagged behind that of Germany and the US, cited red tape, including planning restrictions, as a significant drag. Yet, aided by Brussels, the Government seems intent on tying up business with more rules and regulation. While this is a nuisance for large firms, for smaller organisations, with only a handful of staff working flat out, it can be lethal. Small firms flourish only by being fast and flexible, responding to changes in the marketplace almost before



### **COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

they have happened. The imposi-tions of the Working Time Direc-tive and the minimum wage can only make them less fleet of foot. However, in our search for the Entrepreneur of the Year, we will

seek out those who fail to be deterred by the difficulties of running a business. There are some great successes who have tri-umphed against the obstacles. Their stories will make encouraging reading.

### Brazil tries Sorosisation

S mash and grab raids by Western speculators have obliged governments in three continents and many languages to agree that if you cannot beat them, you had probably better join them. Only Malaysia is holding out but the internal an-tics of Mahathir Mohamed, its Prime Minister, ruined his case. In South America, both Brazil and Argentina have had to dance to the IMF tune. Even in their re-

sponses to the slump-bearing forces of markets, however, the rival giants are competing.
From the last time, Argentina was committed to a dollar-linked

currency board system. It out-flanked speculators trying to break that link by threatening to dich its currency altogether and adopt the US dollar as its own. Brazil's Fernando Cardoso, the

John Major of Latin America, could not match that after seeing the fruits of his "hard real" policy disappear in the dust thrown up by departing foreign "investors". Even devaluation had to be abandoned in favour of a freely sinking currency, down a third since

mid-January.

So the world's eighth biggest economy has opted for the next best thing. Instead of dollarisation, try Sorosisation. Arminio Fraga, an aide of the great hypo-crite, is to be installed as head of Brazil's central bank,

He has credibility with the markets, they say. By sheer coincidence, George Soros was showing his caring face in Davos just

as Mr Fraga was receiving his charge from Pedro Malan, the Finance Minister. Mr Soros was rightly berating the vain attempt to shore up the real by measures of such austerity, including high interest rates, that depression was certain

was certain. Now that the real is floating, in-terest rates are still running at 39 per cent. While the hard real poli-cy lasted, it did a fine job of elimi-nating Brazil's notrious high inflation and raising real incomes for ordinary people. Brazil is still at risk of inflation returning. The country does not, howev-

er, need any increase in austeri-ty. The trailed doubling of interest rates would just bring a down-ward spiral of budgetary deficits, undoing hard-won fiscal gains. Mr Soros knows this. Mr Malan knows this and presumably

so does Mr Fraga. It will be interesting to see if they agree with Stanley Fischer, IMF number two, who is now in Brasilia to negotiate conditions for the release of the next instalment of the \$41.5 billion loan agreed last Novem-

ber to forestall devaluation.In Brazil, as almost everywhere, the top priority is to stop recession and get growth moving again, in part through monetary policy.
As it happens, Mr Fraga
agrees with Argentina that there
are too many currencies, but that

### will have to come later. No longer as

hot as mustard

ernon Sankey's departure from Reckitt & Colman after no less than 28 years and seven years as chief executive, took the market quite by surprise. Although he had to deliver a profits warning in November, and has been castigated for not managing expectations better, many other chief executives have found themselves in similar positions recently and have managed to hang on to their jobs if not all of their reputations. Reckitt is certainly in a difficult

bind. Its expansion in some emerging markets has left it vulnerable to the woes of their economies, while it has been caught out by US retailers' increasing insistence on just-in-time ordering. Even without Colman or Reckitt, it still has a fine portfolio of brands, which are undoubtedly attractive to bigger multinational competitors. Reckitt's disadvantage is that while it is large, it is not so large that a group like Unilever or Sara Lee might not find it relatively easy to buy. Expectations that a deal is pending made

the shares leap yesterday. In the absence of a clear explanation, it does not take a very vivid imagination to conclude that Mr Sankey and his fellow directors did not see eye to eye on how Reckitt should manage its way out of its corner, alone or by merger; with a new strategy, or its current one. For the future, Mr Sankey may feel he does not have much to lose by going. After all, Barclays, BPB, EMI, Cable & Wireless, et al, are all on the look out for experienced chief executives, previous incumbents having failed to cut the mustard.

### False dawn

WORDS are cheap but reality is harsh. Three years ago, textile en-gineer Mackie International was hailed by Bill Clinton as the symbol of co-operation across the divides in the new Northern Ireland. Yesterday, receivers were called in. Let us hope that has none of the symbolism America's Persident of the symbolism America's freely. President offered so freely. No one makes a profit, any more than they can make a peaceful future, merely with good inten-tions. Mackie was in the wrong business, in the wrong place with the wrong management. Even with a true peace, Ulster will have to fight hard for prosperity.

# Weir shares surge on bid approach

SHARES of Weir Group, the pump manufacturer based in Glasgow, yesterday leapt 27 per cent to 294%p, after the company confirmed it had received an approach that could with ABN Amro, said he believed any takeover suitors.

Market speculation about the likely predator focused on a range of leading American engineering companies, including ITT Industries, Flowserve, Idex, Ingersoll Dresser IDP and Textron.

ITT is believed to have had a long-standing interest in Weir, which intensified in the wake of ITT's purchase in 1997 of Gould, one of the Scottish company's largest competitors. Yesterday's speculation lift-

ed Weir's market capitalisation to £587 million and dragged up the rest of the engineering sector in its wake.

The FTSE engineering sector index closed 4.9 per cent higher at 2,318.0 points compared with a rise of just 0.6 points in the FTSE 100 index to 6,013.0. Analysts said the engineering sector had been

Sandy Morris, an analyst with ABN Amro, said he be-lieved any takeover suitor would have to bid at least 350p a share for Weir to stand a chance of success. The shares, however, were last at those lev-

els five years ago. "Weir has not performed badly or let us down, but it is where it is because it has not shown the zip, sparkle or vi-sion that the market demands," Mr Morris said.

Analysts said the relatively low price/earnings multiples applied to British engineering stocks made them highly vulnerable to their more expensive counterparts in America.

They said that, as the sev enth-largest pumpmaker in the world, it is almost inevitable that Weir will become part of the consolidation underway in the industry.

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### **Armitage Shanks** goes to US

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

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ONE of the most quintessential of English brands fell into foreign hands yesterday as the 190-year-old Armitage Shanks company was sold to the US group American Standard.

Five months after putting it on the market, Blue Circle, the building materials group, said it was selling Armitage Shanks to the owner of Ideal Standard. its main bathrooms business rival, for £253 million. The acquisition includes Ce-

ramica Dolomite, Blue Circle's ltalian bathroom tittings manufacturer and the combined operation will become Europe's largest bathrooms business. Ideal is thought to have beaten competition from a number of European bidders including Sanitec, a division of Finland's Metra, and Keramik Laufen of Switzerland.

Roger Cooper, managing di-rector of Ideal, said that it was too soon to comment on redunflancy plans.

### Housing is recovering, says Crest

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

A STABLE housing market and an expanded portfolio helped to lift full-year profits of Crest Nicholson, the house-building and property group, by 37 per cent, to £28.1 million. John Calcutt, chief executive, said that a surge in sales

last month after an unusually quiet run-up to Christmas suggested that the housing mar-ket was in "recovery mode". He said: "Visitor levels are up, reservations are up." Crest's average selling price rose by almost 20 per cent, to

£117,800. Its land holding rose 27 per cent in 1998 to 17,253 plots. Its main 1998 acquisition was a site for 772 homes at Chigwell, Essex Sales for the year to Octo-

ber 31 rose 32 per cent, to £465 million. Earnings per share rose to 16.6p, from 11.75p. A 3.25p final dividend makes 4.75p (3.75p).

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# **Eurotunnel nets** profit on debt

■ EUROTUNNEL, the Channel Tunnel operator, yesterday made an £89 million profit by taking advantage of the City's lack of confidence in its ability to repay its £7.2 billion debt mouna tain (Fraser Nelson writes).

The company spent £38 million buying £134 million of toan notes — using cash won from suing TML, the consortium that built the tunnel.

These loan notes changed hands at 26p for every £1 of its debt - a price that reflects fears that Eurounnel's chances of defaulting are still high.

Shares of Eurotunnel added 41/2 to 751/2 yesteday, as analysts said the deal should reduce its interest payments by £1.3 million a year.

Eurotunnel was only able to buy back the loan notes because the money came directly from TML, which was collected in November after defects were found on freight trains.

The company is forbidden from spending its own cashflow on buying loan notes un-der the debt for equity swap agreed with its banks in April

# Talk of bid for AI boosts banks secto

MICHAEL CLARK

THE telephone lines between Dublin and London were running red hot with the speculators telling anyone who would listen that a hid is on the way for Allied Irish Banks.

Word is someone is poised to offer £15 a share, valuing the company at £1.12 billion. AIB finished 73p higher at E12.621/2, just below its best level of £13.94 last month. Turnover was on the high side with 3.68 million shares changing hands in a marketplace where traders are normally only willing to make a price and size in 15,000 at a time.

Brokers say suitors are likely to include the powerful Deutsche Bank and our own Lloyds TSB, up 14p at \$17%p. It could mark the first stage in the consolidation of the banking sector. The high street is over-run when it comes to banks and something has to

give, say analysts.

A bid for AIB would follow close on the heels of the proposed merger between Paribas and Société Générale, announced earlier this week.

Elsewhere in the banking sector gains were seen in Barclays, 68p to £14.59. Abbey National, 43p to £12.48. Bank of Scotland, 26top to 808p. Nat-West, 41p to £11.96, and Royal Bank of Scotland, 47thp to

Second-line stocks continued to provide the driving force for the rest of the market. The FTSE 250 index finished the session 93.5 up at 5,215.3, while the FTSE 100 index rallied from a near 100-point fall to close just 0.6 up at 6.013.0. Total turnover was a healthy 1.2 billion shares, despite opening losses for the Dow Jones industrial average in New York.

Dealers say that demand for second-line issues remains strong as investors search for value. Stock shortages have combined with high levels of corporate activity to fuel many

Daily Mail & General Trust. up 124p at £29.371; with the "A" down 4p at £31.96 is tipped as the front-runner to replace BTR, up op at 129p, as a constituent of the top 100 companies. The vacancy opens up after BTR completes its merger with

Siebe, 10½p dearer at 240p.

The odds on a bid for BICC

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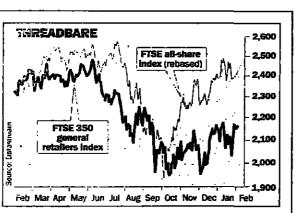
John Matthews, left, the chairman of Crest Nicholson, and John Calcutt, chief executive, saw the shares put on 31/4p

consider making a full bid at some stage. No approach has, so far, been made to the BICC board. The cables and Balfour Beatty construction group has seen its price slump from a peak of 181p last year, making vulnerable. A hefty 17.5 mil-

lion shares were traded. Speculative buying continued to hoist Pilkington higher with a rise of of 24p to 67p.

Dealers say the collapse in the price from the 148p level last year has left the company vulnerable to a bid. The Pruden-tial Corporation has raised its holding to 29.7 million, or 2.72 per cent.

Bid hopes are running high at Christian Salvesen, up 8p at 94p. Earlier this week, Veba, the German group, said it was paying \$423 million for BTL,



IT HAS been a chill wind blowing through the clothing retailers of late. But things may be looking up. Merrill Lynch, the broker, is becoming more upbeat. term recommendations on both Arcadia, up 18p to 186 p. and Debenhams. 29p dearer at 3791:p. from "neutral" to "accumulate". Its long-term view on Debenhams has been moved

at 664p. and has moved its recommendation from "reduce" to "neutral".

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Crest Nicholson, 34p dearer at 125p, lived up to City expectations with a good set of full-year profits and upheat comments about current trading. Dealers hope it may provide the basis for similar per-formances by other housebuilders such as Barratt Develop-

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Share purchases at Hazlewood Foods lifted the price 3½p to 118½p. Peter Barr, chairman, has picked up 50,000 shares at 115p. He now holds 4.26 million, or 1.8 per cent, of the food supplier. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Investors

were in a cautious mood ahead of the start of this month's Monetary Policy Committee meeting. Prices opened lower and traded in narrow limits for much of the session before putting in a late run to close above their lows of the day. Monday's comments from

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, at the Bankers Club annual dinner were well received. He said the Bank must be prepared for a further easing of monetary policy if demand looked likely to fall short sues responded positively.

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# Tuning into a good deal

YOU don't have to be a rocket scientist to work out that Scottish Media Group, the newspaper publisher and television broadcaster. may soon attract a takeover bid. Scottish is a tasty morsel. It is well managed; its STV and Grampian franchises deliver most of Scotland to television advertisers; and with The Herald, plus the launch this Sunday of the Sunday Herald, it has the leading regional newpaper titles on the Scottish west coast.

But what makes SMG particularly interesting now is that two chunky shareholdings may soon be prised loose of their current own-ership. Nobody quite remembers now why the late Roger Luard, the former chief executive of Flextech, bought his 18.6 per cent of SMG. But with the stake now worth about £100 million, a sale would facilitate the launch of an awful lot of cable and satellite channels.

sized holding in SMG might also come on the market. A new owner at the Mirror may be obliged to sell after the inevitable MMC change of ownership investigation. And if Mirror continues independently, the proceeds of a sale would bring welcome relief to current balance sheet pressures.

So much for the theory. But who is going to do the deed? The obvious candidiate is United News & Media, which with SMG would consolidate its position at number three in ITV. Staff swear, however, that Lord Hollick's pri-orities lie elsewhere. Carlton and Granada may be giving SMG the once over too.

In any event SMG's combination of com-mercial television and strong regional newspapers in a rampant and resurgent Scotland will prove irresistible to someone. Buy the shares.

### ARM Holdings

IF PROFITS at ARM Holdings stay static at the 1998 level it will take until the year 2145 for investors to receive the capitai value of one share back in earnings per share. The shares trade on a p/e of 146 times' earnings, in other words.

Of course, earnings will not stop still, and such is ARM's strength there is every chance profits will grow at a healthy rate for most of the foreseeable future. But even if profits grow at 50 per cent a year it will take about 12 years for shareholders to retrieve their capital outlay if they bought at yesterday's £18.25 closing

Perhaps ARM, now worth nigh on £900 million, is being mistaken for an Internet stock. Multiples of 100-plus are commonplace for that new breed, in the US at least. In fact ARM designs micro-

for mobile phones and electronic organisers. It licenses the technology to semi-conductor manu-Robin Saxby, ARM chief

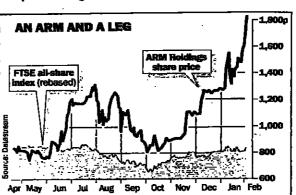
executive, reckons the slowactually helped his firm because it made manufacturers pursue

down among semi-conductor manufacturers new product ranges, and use

ing in the shares yesterday with one trade - thought to be a sale — going through for two million shares or about £35 million of stock. It looks like profit-taking and despite the quality of this company it is difficult to argue with the investment logic of the move. Follow suit.

his firm's expertise more.

There was some heavy trad-



### Weir Group

WEIR GROUP has stressed its expansion ambitions lately but the noises have done nothing to dilute its reputation as a takeover target. The price/ earnings multiples being commanded across the engineering sector have helped. If decent companies trade on single-figure multiples no one can be surprised that bidders begin to circle. The BAe/GEC/ LucasVarity excitement only fuels speculative activity.

Weir's pump-making business is clearly attractive to a string of potential overseas suitors. If Weir makes 23p of bid pitched at a modest 14 times' earnings will still come in at 325p.

This is a long way from the 232p at which the stock was trading before the company confirmed yesterday that it had received an approach and still significantly above its closing price of 294.5p. If an auction breaks out, and

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given the worldwide consolidation currently happening in the engineering sector that is quite possible, then a final offer of between 350p and 400p is on the cards.

Long-suffering Weir shareholders who have sat and watched the value of their shares dwindle as the engineering sector fell and then stayed out of favour can look forward to getting a result. Those looking for a punt on a possible takeover play should buy.

Crest Nicholson MORE evidence yesterday that last year's confident re-

sector demise were exagger-Reporting annual results yesterday Crest Nicholson could scarcely have been more upbeat. All the figures are moving in the right direction and with taxable profits showing a 37 per cent rise it has not just been a case of scraping

through. These are strong

numbers. Particularly impressive was that Crest increased the operating profit margin on residential house sales its main business — from 11.4 to 12 per cent during a period which was meant to be characterised by weakening housing market conditions.

Last summer it may have appeared foolhardy for Crest to be increasing the size of its land hank as aggressively as it did. But, as the environment proves itself to be much less terrifying than was widely thought, the investment looks increasing canny.

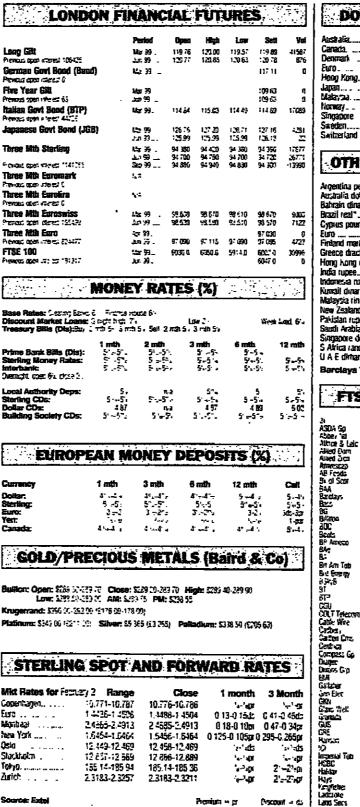
The danger with Crest is that something nasty will profitable construction ide. At 49 per cent, gearing is high-ish too. But interes rates are falling and demand for new houses is forecast to be strong well into the millen-nium. Crest shares, trading at seven times' earnings, look good value. Buy.

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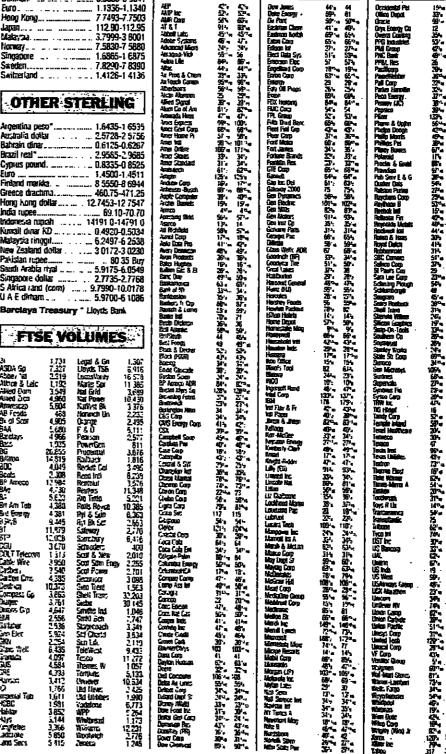
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The World Economic Foparticipant as a "dialogue between the haves and the haves". has been dominated by an attempt to analyse the implications of globalisation (or globality, the horrible word most often heard in Dayns this year!

Davos this year).
The air in this Swiss resort may be bracingly clear but the collec-tive thinking of the world's leading CEOs is alarmingly limited. A faint air of unease hung vaporously over the meeting. Brazil and Russia were demons sometimes invoked, finance ministers urged each other to co-operate in bolstering world growth, everyone had a suggestion about how to improve the world financial architecture and Alan Greenspan and Bill Gates expressed concern about the stratospheric values accorded

Amid all this meaty stuff, however, CEOs were fixated on just one thing. Why weren't they Yahoo! or Amazon.com? Why couldn't they make that kind of money that quickly? How could they grab a slice of the action in Silicon Valley's gold rush? To

to Internet stocks.

# Cleric's bomb shatters Davos fantasy

these corporate brains, global-isation appears to mean whatever get-rich-quick scheme is hitting the headlines: getting online and tapping into global consumer markets: cutting sales and marketing costs to virtually zero; making piles of money.

Those men (invariably) who reach the top of large corporations by definition one supposes are really interested only in money. They do not thrill to longrange strategy, complex changes in business trends and certainly not to the social responsibility that

comes with economic power.
On Sunday, Ted Turner, of CNN and Time Warner, did a rambunctious turn as head of the UN Foundation, urging his fellow millionaires to dip into their pockets for world peace, the environment and the poor. A few consciences may have been pricked momentarily but, despite the forum's theme this year of "Responsible Globali-

ty: Managing the Impact of Glo-balisation, this speech paid thin lip service to unselfish thoughts.

that CEOs have no business having consciences and should simply get on with what they do best. However, in a world in which the state is shrinking and corporations are going global as nations cannot, executives have to take on some of the responsibilities traditionally the preserve of politicians if the forum's stated aim of "Improving The State Of The World" is to be addressed.

For all its boasting about being an intellectual, strategic, outward-looking hothouse of ideas for 2,000 executives powerful enough to put them into action. Davos is a peculiarly empty experience. Unemployment, the single most potent symbol of economic and social failure. hardly merited a mention. The social implosion in Asian countries



population has experienced the most horrendous victimisation and violence, simply didn't register in the mainstream of the meeting.

Plans for a small protest against globalisation by a group of some 150 activists who are based in Geneva, a horrible potential embarrassment to the assembled millionaires, was snuffed out before it began. The Swiss police thoughtfully slipped small notes under the doors of small cafes and skiwear shops along the main shopping street in Davos, warning them of

the possibility of tear gas on Saturday afternoon.

The ostrich tendencies of this annual gathering have something to do with the boyishly competitive egos that create successful CEOs. It's all about winners and losers. Last year. Davos was America's glory year. The Goldilocks economy was still romping ahead despite chaos in emerging markets. Asia was beyond the pale. Pre-euro Europe had sluggish growth, mass unemployment, rigid markets, old-fashioned ideas, a lack of entrepreneurial dynamism. This year, the conference chatter had it, is the year of Europe. The Continent still has sluggish growth, mass unem-ployment and rigid markets but it has the euro. Suddenly, Europe is deemed a roaring success.

In a meeting discussing prospects for Europe, the panellists exduring the period for questions (invariably short in Davos), Fields

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Wicker-Miurin, a management consultant, one of the forum's annointed "Global Leaders for Tomorrow" and one of the authors of a report called Wake Lip. Europe!, stood up. She said that Europe had big problems, amounting to what her report described as "an ossified, sclerotic economic system". Peter Sutherland, the moderator of the session, and one of the

best-known europhiles, told her

that she was being a bit harsh.
It took an elderly, bearded cleric to chuck a bomb into the Davos fantasy world and, given that the forum must have known something of his views, it is to its credit that His Holiness Bartholomew I. The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, was invited to speak. His critique of globalisation was excoriating. Poverty and social exclusion, he said, "challenged the cheap language of global community". Globality is, he said, a "graceless system that renders people surplus

and abandons them if they cannot compete in the global economy". Globalisation, in the sense of travel, was the preserve of a tiny elite (many of them flown by helicopter into Davos). His statement made one want to stand up and roar with delight amid all the inane talk of globality, new paradigms and connectivity but it was an isolated moment of shocking realism.

One of the favourite topics in Davos. however, gives cause for hope. To the CEOs, the Internet is a potential commercial goldmine, turning people around the world into even more voracious consumers. What they don't see is the Internet's power to democratise and empower, it will increasingly connect and inform even those relatively cut off from the rest of the world in developing countries, and information, as the CEOs tell us, is power.

Amartya Sen. last year's Nobel laureate for economics, was one voice who recognised its potential power for good. No famine, he said, had ever happened in a democracy with a free press, simply because the people had shamed governments into preventing such human catastrophes.

# Battle joined for the best of British talent

ould-be tycoons might do well not to pay too much mon Woodruffe. The founder of the Yo!Sushi chain of restaurants may be a sparkling example of an entrepreneur, hav-ing started his business for the living room of his flat, but at yesterday's launch of the Enrepreneur of the Year at the Yo!Sushi branch in Soho he hinted that all entrepreneurs

were slightly crazy. "It needs a certain amount of self-denial to start your own business. If you had all the facts, you would not do it," Mr Woodruffe said.

Crazy or not, the UK probably produces more entrepreneurs per head of population than any other country. From Richard Arkwright to Richard Branson, British entrepreneurs have created businesses and ideas that have dominated and changed the business world. Yet the British culture of sneering at success means that often the achievement of people who are willing to take the sort of risks that most of the population would shy away from, goes unrecognised. in an attempt to change that, the Entrepreneur of the

Year award is being launched. The award is part of an international competition which was started by Ernst & Young. the accountancy firm, in America 13 years ago. It now runs in 20 countries across five continents. The British elelaunched this year, is being cosponsored by The Times and Citibank Private Bank as well as being supported by the Department of Trade and Industry, the British Chambers of Commerce, the Confederation of British Industry and the In-

stitute of Directors. Announcing the award yesterday, David Wilkinson, E&Y's national head of entrepreneurial services, said: 'The Entrepreneur of the Year awards celebrate the achievements of outstanding individuals who head growing, dynamic businesses and recognise the significant contribution they make to the economy. These awards will help bring entrepreneurs to the forefront, giving them the status and rec-

ognition they deserve." At yesterday's launch.
Michael Wills, the minister for small firms at the DTI, said that entrepreneurs were the

The Entrepreneur of the Year award aims to pit successful risk-takers against world competitors, writes Jason Nissé



Pursuit of excellence from left, David Wilkinson, Michael Wills and Simon Woodruffe, at the launch of the award yesterday

lifeblood of the British economy. He said that the DTI wanted to support a programme celebrating people who "take those risks that are needed to build successful enterprises" and that is why the issue of promoting enterprise was a central theme of the Competitiveness White Paper issued last December.

Mr Wills added that it was important to foster entrepreneurial zeal among the young. "Why should our children not aspire to be the next James Dyson, Anita Roddick or Simon Woodruffe as much as they aspire to be the next Michael Owen or Shaznay Lewis?" Mr Wills said.

These comments will no doubt ring true with many entrepreneurs. E&Y asked MORI, the research agency, to survey 800 entrepreneurs and found that 83 per cent of them thought their contribution to society is not recognised and 69 per cent of them wanted a society that "celebrates busi-

ness hernes". Only three thought that the current mate favoured entrepreneurship. The survey also found that entrepremore positive about the econ-

neurs were ENTREPRENEUR omy than oth-

per cent of them think economic prospects are gloomy compared with 89 per cent of captains of industry, questioned in a recent MORI poli.

Simon Woodruffe admitted that he could not claim to be young — he is 44 — but he said that his aim was to create a worldwide brand with Yo!. though it boasts just four res-

taurants and a delivery service at the moone day that the Yo! brand will be to the dance generation what Virgin was to my generation the baby boom-

ers," Mr Woodruffe said. He er business leaders - only 37 said that successful entrepreneurs are often people who are not afraid of failure.

However, for those not afraid to enter, the Entrepreneur of the Year competition works like this. Entrepreneurs can either nominate themselves or be nominated. A full application form can be obtained either by sending off the short form on this page, calling either the Ernst & Young hotline on 0845 604 1012 or other of its regional hotlines 0845 601 1013/4/5/6/7. All applications

have to be in by April 30. The nominations will then go to five regional heats - Scot-land, North, Central, South and London - where they will be judged by a panel of prominent members of the local business community. They will visit the businesses of the naminees to get a feeling for what they are achieving — this is not an award based on just sta-

tistics and past performance. The regional heats will deliver a series of winners. There will be a number of sub-

Robinson has even gone to

Robinson: turned to Tarmac for support in his bid to

### categories of award winners. These are likely to include a Master Entrepreneur, for people who have made a sustained contribution over five Nominee years: Emerging Entrepreneur, for those whose business is less than five years old; Business Name ..... Turnaround Entrepreneur, for individuals responsible for turning around the financial Business address or market performances of preneur, for people under 35; and Supporter of Entrepreneurship, for individuals who have made an outstanding contribution toward fostering en-In addition, there will also be sector winners. These will Email be chosen by the judges as they see what patterns emerge Business website address ..... from the nominations. The running of the award in other Nominator countries indicates that the industries are likely to include Name..... Title ..... technology, communications Business Name and entertainment, consumer products, industrial products and business services. The re-Business address gional awards will be announced in June at a series of regional banquets, and the winners will then go on to the national competition. The regional award winners will be invited to a series of receptions with the national judges. They will decide the winners in each of the categories and the overall winner, which will be announced on Business website address..... The winners will then be Please mail an official nomination form to invited to an International the nominee, nominator Entrepreneur of the Awards Conference, which will take For more information, call 0845 604 1012 place in Palm Springs. Calior visit our website at http://www.eoy.co.uk formia in November. The British winners have every chance FOR THOSE of picking up international WHO HAVE

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# Late billing

THE Corporation of London has rejected my suggestion yesterday that the Bill to reform the House of Commons, probahas rejected my suggestion yes-ierday that the Bill to reform the electoral franchise could fall. Guildhall insists that the reforms, which would give the vote to City businesses but re-duce the influence of those living in the Square Mile, can still become law even after, as I predicted, they were opposed by three Labour MPs at the second hearing yesterday.

As the City branch of the La-

bour Party believes the Bill will now fail. I ring the Private Bill office at Westminster. In summary, the Bill, despite yes-



"What! We've been fined? I didn't look too closely at the details"

bly some time in March. But it then faces further hur-

dles, most notably a majority vote of at least 100 MPs at 10 o'clock one night, a time when honourable members tend to be thin on the ground. As it is a private Bill, the whips cannot be used. So the Corporation has to

lobby hard to ensure the necessary majority. "All of this is very much on our minds," my man says. "We're aiming to ensure there are going to be 100 MPs there."

A SPLENDID leader in the Financial Times yesterday. So splendid, indeed, that they ran it twice on the same page. I agonised over mentioning it - bad luck, you know. But it was about rationalisation in the banking sector...

Sharing

A SPLENDID leader ... I'm sorry, I don't know how that got there. Um. FEARS are growing for David Mont-gomery's £1.35 million cash pile from the Mirror Group after a former colleague recalls



an early foray by Monty into investment. On joining Today ten years ago, he instituted a portfolio of shares so readers could benefit from his skills.

Monty even put in £5,000 of his own money to start the fund off. A selection of stocks were bought, and the progress of the fund closely tracked. Coverage ended, for some reason, four months later - by which time the value of the porfolio had dipped below £3,000.

Double bed BY COINCIDENCE, the very

day last week that I wrote about Eurotunnel's ridiculous tariffs a reader was trying to book a room through Stakis He was offered a double

room at a special price of £39

per person. When he asked for single, the price quoted was E99. So he offered to pay full price for a double and keep the E21 change. No, said the clerk, and they reserved the right at any time to check that the room was occupied by two people and if it was not, charge the higher price. Needless to say, Stakis says

this was all a terrible mistake. But our reader had a suggestion. Could he book a double and use the money saved to hire some local working girl to make up the numbers? It is contrary to normal hotel policy on such trade, admittedly, but it seemed a reasonable compromise.

He says the clerk didn't seem to find this terribly funny.

NAMES, names. Norske Skog. a Norwegian paper company with interests in France and Austria, is merging with Hansol Paper of South Korea and Canada's Abitibi Consolidated. The three will re-emerge as Pan Asia Paper, which doesn't make much geographical sense until you consider the alternative. Try saying, I'm the man from Skog Hansol Abitibi with a straight face.

Relapse

GEOFFREY ROBINSON, the former Paymaster General and once in charge of the Pri-

stepped into a controversy over a PFI project in his Coventry constituency. Robinson probably thought he had heard the last of the dread initials, but he is objecting to plans for a new

Instead he prefers an existing city centre site, on the erounds that it would be more convenient for his constituents.

Tarmac, which has a dedicated PFI unit, for a study confirming the viability of the city cen-tre site. "We said in principle it would seem to be viable but it's not necessarily a preferred option," the company tells me. It hardly seems the most ringing of recommendations.

MARTIN WALLER



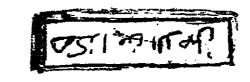
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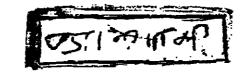
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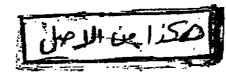
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# Free steps to heaven

**NEW YORK THEATRE:** Bob Fosse shines on Broadway, Athol Fugard off it. Edward Karam reports

rom the early 1950s to Big Deal in 1986, the director-choreographer Bob Fosse brought his distinctive style to the musical. Dancers in black, often flourishing bowler hats. Abdominal thrusts. Shoulder rolls. Fingers splayed. All that is now on view in Fosse, the scorchingly kinetic revue at the Broadhurst The-

atre, but co-directors Ann Reinking. Chet Walker and Richard Malthy Jr have culled a great deal more as well. One expects sex, of course. The

clothes are typically strength tight and black, although Santo Loquasto's frocks for and the taxi dancers in Big Spender are talent? gaudy enough for Mardi Gras. From

a nearly nude triple pas de deux from All That Jazz to the re-creation of Mein Herr from Cabaret, eroticism percolates. The latter is one of the few instances in which props (chairs) are used; another is the atypically comic Shoein which baseball players twirl bats as if they were batons.

But the most riveting mo-

ment in Fosse is the slowest, as

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Andy Blankenbuehler sings a mournful Mr Bojangles from Dancin'. A shabbily dressed Bojangles (Sergio Trujillo) shuffles poignantly in a spotlight while a younger spirit of himself (Desmond Richardson) leaps and whirls across the stage. It speaks volumes about age, memory and physical decay in a show that cele-

brates

strength and a prodigious talent. <sup>c</sup> Fosse For theatregoers who require dia-logue, two play-wrights are revisitcelebrates ing the early 1950s. youth, At the Manhattan Theatre Athol Fugard's The Captain's Ti-

> while on a tramp steamer sailing around the world. One real and one imagined companion join Fugard on his

voyage. Donkeyman, Tony Todd's wary, towering Swahili, tends the boiler and board. Meanwhile Betty, Fugard's mother and the heroine of his povel, materialises to argue about the plot. As directed

ger is a semi-auto-biographical fantasia woven around write his first novel Abdominal thrusts. Shoulder rolls. Fingers splayed. All that is now on view in New York in the scorchingly kinetic revue celebrating the work of Bob Fosse at the age of 20. by Fugard and designer Susan

Hilferty the play has few surprises: certainly not that Felicity Jones's light-footed, charming Betty takes on a life of her own or that the ship hits the

faces writer's block. Although the presence of the playwright, now 66, adds resonance the has announced it is his last appearance as a performer), The Captain's Tiger of more intellectual than Much more satisfying is

A.R. Gurney's Far East at Lin-coln Centre. It is 1954, and Michael Hayden's Lieutenant "Sparky" Watts, a smiling but self-conscious straight arrow. has just arrived at an Ameri-

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can Navy base in Japan. Rebelling against his well-connected family, he has moved in with a Japanese girlfriend. His commander's wife (Lisa Emery), a family friend and former is determined to draw him into the expatriate community. Gurnev's interest is more about breaking free of inhibi-

tions than miscegenation, although Sparky intends to settle in multiracial Hawaii, "the America of the future". The struggles of his WASP characters to break their bonds lead Smitrovich's gruff captain has ties to an ex-girlfriend, while his wife Julia shares a repressed cha-cha with Sparky.

Director Daniel Sullivan has staged the play with a sense of sweet melancholy, aided by Dan Moses Schreier's original music and sound, such as the crack of hyoushigi buki, to punctuate scenes, and the use of period songs, particularly You Belong to Me. to evoke feelings of regret.

Luke Clancy on the eclectic delights of Limerick's Unfringed Festival

# Cherry-picked cream

hen is a fringe not a fringe? When its shows have been carefully prised away from a mainstream festival and given a little space all of their own. That at least is the theory behind Limerick's Unfringed Festival, for which the city's Belltable Arts Centre swooped on the Dublin Fringe and carried

off some of the best shows. This year Unfringed threw its net a little wider, encouraging one of the Edinburgi Fringe's successes. Ursula Martinez, to overfly Dublin and make her Irish debut in Limerick. A Family Outing softpedals its title's pun, but the star still gets around to asking her parents what they think of her being a lesbian before deciding that the only way to get the right answer is to script her parents' responses.
A sort of new-millennium

Joyce Grenfell, for whom clumsy charm is the result of tight preparation and an unerring comic sense. Martinez just can't help leaving her audience with big, nervous smiles. She toys with them, asking them to assess whether this is a scripted performance by two older hyper-naturalistic actors working in conjunction with a younger writer/director, or if

the light-hearted bickering, halting reminiscences and "live satellite" link-up are just

what they seem to be. The result is a kind of live version of the kind of video and performance work that made Janine Antoni and Gillian Wearing famous, but with the theatrical context adding a level of intimacy, of involve-ment, which pushes the whole documentary notion in a highly productive direction.

As the title of Jim Cartwright's I Licked a Slag's Decdorant suggests, Glasgow's contribution to Unfringed does not share Martinez's interest in delicate nuance and fugitive meaning. This dark and darkly lit two-hander crawls around the kind of places in which Irvine Welsh has already relieved himself, and finds that life as a slightly disturbed hobo, or as a crack-addicted prostitute, is not very

much fun. Nik Wardzynski, as the hobo, is grimly funny, while Cora Bissett, as the hooker whose drug habit always takes precedence over her heart of gold, prowls the audience, offering every line like an invitation to a brawl.

Corn Exchange's Carshow, which was seen in Dublin out-

tranquil setting of the pedestri-anised Meetinghouse Square. transferred to Limerick's main street, where the cars that make up its set were quickly lost in the rows of other parked vehicles. In the show, four separate 15-minute plays are performed three times a night in four separate cars, to audiences of not more than three people per car. The re-sult is an extraordinary dramatic style, in which the intense intimacy of the setting leads to a fresh and even un-

nerving theatrical experience. eanwhile, as Corn Exchange did its job while rooted to car seats, members of Kaos Theatre Company took things to the opposite extreme, writhing along the stage, rising up to clamber over the flats, and generally patrolling the theatre like a cageful of hyperac-

tive chimpanzees. The Kaos Master and Margarita is an intensely physical, frequently acrobatic version of Mikhail Bulgakov's novel, in which brains, biceps and powerful abdominal muscles are all pressed into the service of a story of love, black magic and literary infighting.

# Wagner done proud

production of Wagn-er's Ring of the Nibe-lung by a company called the Mastersingers Ltd and supported by the Wagner have a note of authority. The founders of the Mastersingers are Paul Crook and Malcolm Rivers, veterans of the 1970s ENO Ring under Reginald Goodall, and their project brings together what they describe as "other stalwarts from Ring cycles all over the world" with new young Wagner sing

ers. So far, so good.
As Crook and Rivers have made abundantly plain, however, they hanker after antediluvian productions that call a spear a spear. The composer's detailed stage directions, wist-fully recalled by Crook in his programme notes, are of limited use more than a century later anyway: on a shoestring budget, they are meaningless. A vacuous conception, coupled with an amateur orchestra.

**OPERA** 

made for a dismal *Rheingold* 

last March.
For Die Walküre, in the De Montfort Hall, Leicester, on Saturday night, however, they brought in a professional orchestra (an expanded Manchester Camerata, calling itself the Camerata Wagner Orchestra), put it under the direction of David Syrus who, as head of music at the Royal Opera House, has worked on The Ring for close on three decades, and engaged the astute The result occupied an uncomfortable hinterland between concert performance and full staging, but if one could accept the premise, the rewards were considerable.

The big draw was that other great veteran of Goodail's Ring, Alberto Remedios. At the age of 63, his voice has inevitably lost a little of its bloom and flexibility, but none of its power, and it was a joy to hear again that ideal blend of heroic ring and lyrical allure. Another ENO stalwart. Neil Howlett, took the role of Wotan with magisterial timbre and commanding presence.

The Brunnhilde of Christine Teare - honeyed in tone, assured in style, and passionate in nature — is definitely one to watch. Tamsin Dives was impressive and moving as Sieglinde, while Rebecca de Pont Davies made a formidable Fricka. John Cunningham was a fine Hunding, and a strong team of Valkyries in-cluded a couple of the Wagner Society's Bayreuth Bursary

winners. Given the financial constraints on rehearsal time, Syrus performed miracles with the orchestra. Yes, there were fluffed entries, missing chords and poor balances, but there was some wonderful playing in between. Act I lacked coherence and drive, but the second and especially the third acts were consistently satisfying, oc-casionally electrifying. Kahn's staging, though vestigial, was

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Age: 29.

Profession: Counter-tenor. Why the falsetto voice? Humphries fell into singing alto aged 13 at Hurstpierpoint Col-

lege simply because there were no others in the choir. Meanwhile the early music movement was revving up and. finding himself immersed in Baroque music. Humphries started singing lessons in earnest with a counter-tenor lay clerk at King's College, Cambridge.

Teachers and mentors? Humphries worked with Charles Bren for eight years. and also with James Bowman and Michael Chance. From 1989 to 1993 he was on

the performance course at the Royal Academy of Music. First work: "All those Sunday mornings" - two years at Westminster Abbey as a

contracted deputy, and sing-

ing at almost every major

London church.

First break: With Paul Mc-Creesh and the Gabrieli Consort in Handel's Saul at the Covent Garden Festival. "I had so little to sing. I was sitting in the auditorium trying desperately not to nod off: But it led to roles in Me-Creesh's great Baroque extravaganzas, such as the reconstruction of Vespers in Venice, etc. Humphries also

works with the King's Con-



sort, the Monteverdi Choir and the English Concert.

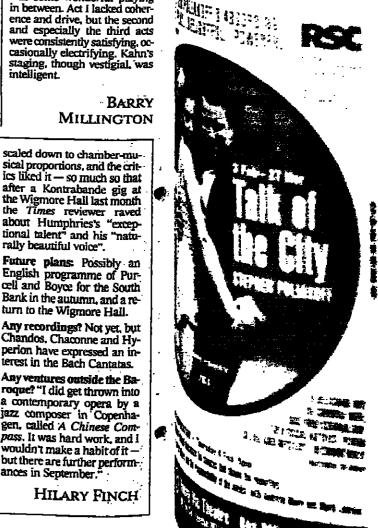
Not forgetting Kontrabande: This wittily named tiny ensemble was formed by Humphries in summer 1997 "to play repertoire I wanted to perform, and with just one instrument to a part". They

scaled down to chamber-musical proportions, and the critics liked it - so much so that after a Kontrabande gig at the Wigmore Hall last month the Times reviewer raved about Humphries's "exceptional talent" and his "naturally beautiful voice".

Future plans: Possibly an English programme of Purcell and Boyce for the South Bank in the autumn, and a return to the Wigmore Hall.

Any recordings? Not yet, but Chandos, Chaconne and Hyperion have expressed an interest in the Bach Cantatas. Any ventures outside the Baroque? "I did get thrown into a contemporary opera by a Jazz composer in Copenhagen, called A Chinese Compass. It was hard work, and I

but there are further performances in September." HILARY FINCH



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# Live and lively at the new Radio 3

oger Wright doesn't look like a man prone to bouts of gloom. But if he does succumb he might take comfort from the words of his predecessor, Nicholas Kenyon: "Always remember, the great thing about being Controller of Radio 3 is that you can't win "

That's true. Depending on which epistle he plucks from his postbag. Wright will be told that his network is too elitist or too populist, too chatty or too stuffy, indigestibly highbrow or slithering dumbly into the gutter.

As for his BBC bosses, they may nod benignly now when he tells them that Radio 3 is all about quality, quality and quality, and not about such trivial matters as a ratings war with Classic FM. But a year down the line, when the audience gap between Radio 3

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and its soaraway commercial competitor may have grown from an irritant into an embarrassment, will they still be supportive?

I hope so, be-cause Mr Wright is probably as close to being Mr Right for this impossible job as they will ever find. His musical credentials are impeccable — he is the first Radio 3 Controller ever to

as a former BBC producer he knows the Corporation's funny little ways well enough. But he has also spent time in the much tougher music business outside, working with the Cleveland Orchestra in America and then with Deutsche

Grammophon. So when he returned to the BBC as head of classical music, and engaged the hard men of the Musicians Union in an epic negotiation to drag the working practices of BBC orchestras into the late 20th century, he had a secret weapon: he knew where all the small print was buried. The result was an agree-

ment that actually made it economically feasible for BBC TV producers to use the BBC's own orchestras. Revolutionary! "If the BBC had to jump through contractual hoops in order to put a camera in front of its own Symphony Orchestra, or if the natural history unit found it cheaper to go to Munich or Prague to record a soundtrack than to book the BBC Concert Orchestra, then clearly something was not quite right," says Wright, with

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Concert Orchestra, left with free time on its hands, could then use its subsidised advantages to outbid the independent London orchestras for commercial engagements - and. in Wright's words, "destabilise the external market".

Wright's deal not only convinced the BBC's governors to continue picking up the hefty tab for five house orchestras and a full-time professional chorus. It also probably tipped the scales in his favour when Radio 3's top job fell vacant last summer. Wright's main challenge came from an unashamed populist, the Decca record executive Roger Lewis. and the choice between them seemed to epitomise an ideological tussle within the BBC between quality and ratings. public-broadcasting obliga-tions and global ambitions. Was that how Wright saw it?

"All I can say is that I stated a view about the sort of network 1 would feel comfortable running, and that I have not had to compromise on any of the things I said then. The fact that I got the job means, I suppose, that these were the things that the BBC top management wanted for Radio 3 too."

Bizarrely.

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turned out to be only the first skirpossess a music degree — and mish in the "Battle of the Rogers". For on the very day that Wright's appointment was announced, Lewis accepted the job of running Classic FM. So is it hand-to-hand combat now? Not according to Wright. Following the usual Radio 3 line, he won't admit that the two stations are even on the same battlefield.

is network is "not

in the business of competing with Classic FM", he claims. "And I am certainly not looking over my shoulder and asking myself: 'If we were more like them, would we get their audience? The first priority is to get our own music policy right, and the right balance of speech and music that will draw listeners into a world of ideas in an entertaining way. Once we have done that we can think about getting it to as many people as possible. If we do it the other way round we are on a downward spiral."

Yesterday he offered a glimpse of what those fine words mean in practice, unveiling a new look to the morning schedule that dumps such un-Indeed. Particularly as the lamented slots as Artist of the



Roger Wright in the foyer of Broadcasting House: "It is not so much the fact that people aren't listening that worries me, it is the realisation that they don't even know it is there'

Week and Sound Stories to make space for a daily 90-minute transmission of live or specially recorded performance at 11.30am. "Yes, people might cough, there might be split notes, or the programme might overrun," he says. "But across is that live broadcasts are so much more interesting than simply playing CDs." If Wright has a big idea for

Radio 3, this is it. He perceives that for much of the time Classic FM does little except play CDs, and he wants Radio 3 to differentiate itself by relaying the most exciting events from the wider arts world. He promises far more broadcasts from Edinburgh, Cheltenham and the big European festivals this summer, and more BBC minifestivals ('we must utilise the musical resources that only we

have"), in addition to the im-

mensely popular Proms. Nor will the outside links only be musical. Wright is "doing deals with places like the Almeida" to bring the most talked-about London theatre productions to Radio 3.

"I really want to get the says. "When I tell people that I run the network that broadcasts Hare's Via Dolorosa.

Harriet Walter in Hedda Gabler. Peter Hall's Major Barbara. Shakespeare plays and the Troy trilogy, they usually say: Goodness, when is that festival coming on? I reply: That was the past six weeks on Radio 3'. It's not so much the fact that people aren't listening that worries me; it's the

realisation that they don't even know it's there."

useful magazine programme Music Matters from the chon. Elsewhere. he promises less banter and more music on the breakfast programme On Air. and yet another tinkering with the Saturday morning CD Review, revamped to general dis-

"Hardly a day goes by when my postbag does not remind me of these issues," he says. He has already saved the Ah. the famous postbag! Its

contents may come to infuriate Wright, but they should thrill him as well. Radio 3's listeners may not be legion, but they care passionately about their station — and they will defend to their last breath the old-fashioned notion of a music network that repays serious listening. Good for them. In Wright they may have a kindred spirit and a doughty champion.

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# Noisy world of faith

hostakovich was besotted with her. "It is not I," he commented to his pupil, "who have influenced you, but you me." Schnittke and James MacMillan revere her. George Benjamin finds her music totally impossible. The reclusive, St Petersburgenclosed composer Galina Ustvolskaya celebrates her 80th birthday this summer, and the Royal Academy of Music opened a rare door into her world and her mind in its en-

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terprising festival of Russian music last week.

It was a noisy place to be. Imagine the four syllables of the words "Dies irae" constantly hammered and thwacked out at polarised pitches, their beat repeated, permutated, re-

monotone, sometimes within a cluster, sometimes in the melodic intervals of the unquiet spirit of a fragment of Russian chant. Imagine mallets collid-ing with bruising church bells in a world of fearful whisperings and relentless hammerings on the mind. Imagine a dysfunctional music born of a dysfunctional time, and deaf to all ears but its own. This is

Galina Ustvolskaya.

The students of the RAM, conducted by John Carewe, presented the UK premiere of her Symphony No 2. True and eternal bits. Its name reflects the detectors beliefely with the claustrophobically religious theatre of Ustvolskaya's mind: this symphony, like the two which follow it, sets an apocalyptic text by the aptly named medieval German writer Hermannus Contractus. One of the Academy's instrumental students, Evgeny Chebykin, was on hand to re-cite it, cupping and opening his hands to call forth the repeated word "Ghospodi!" ("O, Lord!"), for all the world like a human ram's horn.

His plangent voice rang out over the piano's striding chords, the loud thwacks of the bass drum, a tuba whose single note was sustained through a searing crescendo, before a little dotted rhythm was squeezed out of the trumpet's muted mouth, and flutes and oboes led the still pounding syllables to a dying fall.

We also heard Ustvolskaya's 15-minute Third Symphony, Jesu Messiah, Šave Us! for six oboes, five trumpets, one trombone, three tubas, three drums, piano, five double-basses and reciting voice. This was followed by the ten-minute Fifth Symphony, finished in 1990, and offering a more distilled "setting" of the Lord's Prayer. A similar instrumental line-up is joined here by the beating of a specially made plywood cube, already heard to tinnitus inducing effect in the earlier Composition

HILARY FINCH

# Theories of evolution

ven if we have to accept that our century will end before its music is truly appreciated, it is always good to see people resisting the inevitable. This all-Boulez programme drew a sizeable, enthusiastic Festival Hall audience, with the musicians relishing every note — well, a little tension showed on their faces during the opening work — and dispatching some of the most complex scores with apparent ease: in short, another remarkable concert by the BBC Symphony Orchestra.



A mellower Pierre Boulez reworking earlier material

ently true to himself, in his words "transforming those rules which have become nothing more nor less than the conventions of an established swindle", but he has mellowed over time and is now less likely to be found throwing musical hand grenades. As a living artist, he has created living pieces which constantly revisit themselves: all four scores in this first event of the BBC's Boulez Portrait were reworkings of earlier material.

None has evolved further than Le visage nuptial. For its lushness and approachability it is his equivalent of Schoenberg's Gurrelieder. In five

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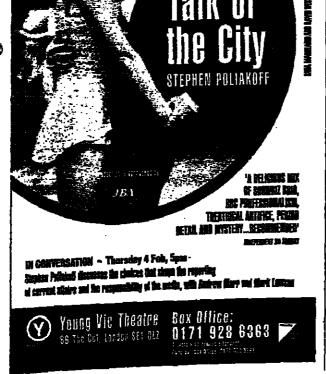
movements, all settings of René Char's poetry, it calls for a gigantic orchestra, women's voices (the excellent BBC Singers), soprano and mezzo soloists: Andrew Davis wielded his forces impressively, especially in the big central movement that gives the work its title, capturing the broad flow and the palpitating detail. Christine Schäfer and Susan Parry were well-matched soloists. All were alive to the way poetry and music seemingly evaporate at the end.
As befits Boulez's old band

- he was chief conductor during the 1970s - the BBCSO played all the music with instinctive understanding. Eclat/ Multiples progressed from its opening piano cadenza, by turns angry and tender, to-wards increasingly exotic sounds: tuned percussion are ultimately joined by winds and no fewer than ten violas for the "multiple reflections" implied in the title. By the mesmerising end, these reflections are more like ripples broadening out in a great celebration of sound. But, like many celebrations, this one goes on a little too long.

Two shorter items completed the concert. cummings ist der dichter features music as fragmented as the poetry, but in spite of some surprises in the choral writing the work does not have the blazing individuality of Boulez's best scores. By contrast, Notations 1-IV are a series of short but massively orchestrated soundscapes that, moving from a languid uncoiling of themes to explosive vigour, brought the evening to an arresting close.

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# United notions

**MUSIC**: John

Allison talks to the conductor Riccardo Chailly

about his work in Amsterdam

usic may have its Americans in all we know, an Italian girl or two in Algiers. but until ten years ago the idea of an Italian in Amsterdam might have sounded surprising. Enter Riccardo Chailly who, with the Royal Concertge bouw Orchestra, has spent the past decade building one of the most successful and celebrated musical partnerships anywhere: in spite of this fiery conductor's early difficulties with a conservative audience and a great orchestra steeped in tradition, the synthesis now could not be more natural.

Not surprisingly, everyone wants to hear them. Tomorrow, en route to America, they stop off at the Festival Hall for the second concert of their recently established South Bank residency, which offers lucky Londoners the chance to hear them three times a season. The programme - Brahms's Second Symphony, his Violin Concerto with Vadim Repin. and Schoenberg's Five Orchestral Pieces — is a typically solid Concertgebouw affair. "I want the residency to be a reflection of our daily life," says Chailly. That means a lot of the great Romantic composers, but in the future I hope to challenge audiences more, perhaps with

Messiaen or Varese."

Challenging perceptions of music is what Chailly is all about, though the gentle-mannered 45-year-old is not a confrontational figure. Patient persuasion is his way. Though he travels a lot as guest conductor, and enjoys close ties with the Chicago, Philadelphia and London Symphony Orchestras, he has a hands-on approach to his post in Amsterdam. He and his wife have made a home there and learnt to speak Dutch. "It may be an old-fashioned view, but I believe the job of chief conductor is a full-time commitment. But you have to make strategic choices, because there is the danger of saturating an institution with your presence."

Has the Concertgebouw's history been an inspiration or a deadweight? "Well, it can be both, but it would be wrong to ignore it. The chief conductor of this orchestra should never ignore the German Romantic side or the St Matthew Passion tradition here. So I've remained aware of the past

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uch an outlook helped him over the shock of his Concertgebouw debut, when he conducted a programme of contemporary Italian composers. "The hall was almost empty, and I hadn't been warned. I was furious at the waste, ashamed for the city when they had a dream orchestra playing modern music. But I realised that bridges would have to be built, doors opened. The Concertgebouw was regarded as the Rembrandt of orchestras, and now I've introduced some Van Gogh.

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music brought him to Chopin

ot long ago. I went through a phase of asking people: "What do you consider the saddest music in the world?" This inquiry, prompted initially by a film project I was researching. aroused surprisingly passionate responses and quickly took on its own momentum. Recordings arrived in the post, total strangers phoned saying they'd heard of my quest and believed they could help. I was provided with adagios from numerous symphonies. Blind Lemon Jefferson singing about matches, Kathleen Ferrier's Blow The Wind Southerly: I was pointed towards Sufi music, Gregorian chants, Lisbon fados.

For two days I sat in a room at London's National Sound Archive while a helpful archivist brought me recording after recording of various ethnic folk musics he considered might be contenders. There was hardly a record that did not have behind it some long tragic history of suffering, that had not been shaped out of oppression, exile, war, famine. And yet I found myself, after the opening few seconds of each offering, shaking my head and saying: "No, no, not sad enough. I want something really sad.'

As I write, my search continues - I've yet to find the music that is, beyond dispute, the saddest in the world. But my work so far has led me to one central insight: music that goes all out to embrace sadness, that attempts, as it were, to burrow into it, is prone to end up not especially sad at all. Truly sad music is most often music that is, on the surface, celebratory, even festive; the music of peo-

ple trying to hold off sorrow, to lose themselves for a moment in the fleeting joys of life. Amidst all that tragic folk music, it was curious how often it was the dances that carried this quality. And in the realm of composed music, i found myself returning again and again to the lonely piano of Chopin.

With the notable exception of his Funeral March, it is hard to find a passage of Chopin that is straightforwardly mournful. Frequently found working within dance genres - the waltz, the polonaise, the mazurka — he never neglects their natural exuberance. Yet his waltzes hardly conjure up magnificent balls; I see instead a solitary dancing couple in some large deserted house who know they will be parted once the music ends. Likewise, the wonderful nocturnes, though seemingly full of romantic yearning, are never without the anticipation of disappointment; and militaristic polonaises are underpinned by a nostalgia for a lost childhood, for an occupied Polish homeland remembered in

This is the sadness to be found at the edge of a smile, the wistful shadow that follows the joyous fling of an arm. It is music that - like the short stories of Chekhov or the films of Yasujiro Ozu - celebrates life while never being able quite to forget its shortness and fragility. Chopin remains on my shortlist.

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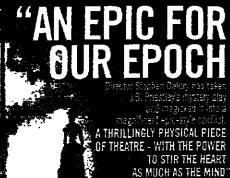
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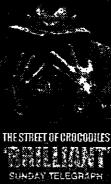
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tra and audience has surpassed his expectations, so much so that he regards the Concertgebouw as "a kind of isolated paradise". There is nowhere he would like to move on to at present, and he is certainly not about to go back to "Because I'm not yet a masochist, I've decided to reduce

my opera work. There is the guarantee of a clash there with the producer or the cast." Fortunately, Chailly names a few singers he counts as exceptions and has some operation plans up his sleeve. The other place where he will be found regularly over the next few years is Milan, as music director of the recently founded Orchestra Giuseppe Verdi. "It's an adventure. Whereas in Amsterdam we're continuing a tradition, with these young players there's a tradition to be formed. The potential is very strong, and I want to forge something of my own while I've still got the energy to work, work and work."

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### Law Report February 3 1999

# Directors' life payments agreement valid

Justic Aldeus and Lord Justice Pot-

[Judgent January 28]

Agrenents between a company and i directors providing for pay-ment for life terminable only by the rapients and not by the companywere valid and enforceable panywere valid and emotecance even lough the procedural steps set of in section 319 of the Compa-nies of 1985 had not been complied ith, since real consent to the agreerents was given by the sole shareolder of the company for an act wich was intra vires the com-

Arlying the principle in In re Duomic (1969) 2 Ch 365), the for-malits in section 319 were amenable to aiver by the class for whose benel and protection it was designe, namely shareholders.

Th Duomatic principle did not necessarily apply in respect of every resistion passed as an authorisatiotorocess under the 1985 Act. The inderlying purpose of each provion had to be examined to deermic whether the Duomatic princle applied in relation to it.

ThCourt of Appeal so held, dismissig the appeal of the defendant, das Wright (Europe) Ltd. againt the decision of Judge Gibb QC, sitting as a High Court include Property of the Appeal of the Court include Property of the Appeal of the Court include Property of the Appeal of the Appeal of the Court include Property of the Appeal of the A judgen Birmingham Mercantile Cour on February 10, 1998, on questins of law under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court in region to agreements made be-tweethe defendant company and the plintiffs, George Peter Wright and on Wright on May 9, 1988.

MAndrew Stafford for the companyMr Alan Gourgey for Mr and its Wright. LCD JUSTICE POTTER said

that is company was founded by Mr Vight in 1973 and carried on the bsiness of design, manufacture ad contracting of air-condi-

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Chief ustice, so stated on Febru-

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Quees Bench Division and by Sir Richal Scott, Vice Chancellor, as

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the company.

In May 1987 the company's cotire share capital was sold to Wheway plc and service agreements were entered into between the company and each of the plainriffs, terminable on 12 months notice. A year later the first plaintiff wanted to retire, and on May 9, 1988 the agreements in question were made in substitution for the

service agreements. Mr Wright's agreement appointed him as president of the compa-ny for life, terminable by Mr Wright by six months notice. Mr and Mrs Wright were each to receive an annual remuneration of

A special resolution of the company was passed on June 6, 1988 which authorised its board to appoint any person who was or had heen a director to be president and determine the period that person

was to hold office. The chief executive of Wheway confirmed that he had authority to ratify the agreement between company and Mr and Mrs Wright, and that he did so by special resolu-

On June 15, 1988 Mr and Mrs Wright resigned as directors. The company remained in the owner-ship of Wheway for seven years during which it honoured the

On November 2, 1995 the company's share capital was acquired by Atlas Wright (Europe) Ltd. Following the change of control, the company's directors concluded that the agreements were not in its or its shareholders' best interests and by letter of December 23, 1996 gave notice to terminate the agreements with effect from January 31,

The company was advised that the agreements were void by reason of section 319 of the Companies Act 1985, and that was the sole defence it raised in the action commenced by Mr and Mrs Wright.
It was not in dispute that section

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application in the county court to

which Order 38, rule 3(3D) or rule 19(3) of the County Court Rules

1981 applied, the court should con-

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the application to be recoverable

by one party from another. Where

Order 38, rule 19(1) of the County

Court Rules 1981 applied, the court

(ii) The general rule was that

whenever a "costs in any event" or-

der was made the court should

make a summary assessment of

costs unless there was good reason

not to do so, for example, where the

paying party showed substantial grounds for disputing the sum

claimed for costs that could not be

(iii) Where costs were assessed

summarily, the court might make

ified date or by instalments. If no

such order was made the assesser

costs would be payable within 14 days of the date of the order.

(iv) A summary assessment could not be made where any pay-ing or receiving party was either le-gally aided and/or a person under

a disability; see Order 80, rule 1 of

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his wife, the second plaintiff, was a
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years long term contracts if those by the company, unless certain procedural steps were taken, in which event such long term contracts

could be granted. The basic procedural steps were in broad terms that:

(a) The proposed agreement had to be approved by resolution at a general meeting (subsection (3)); (b) The proposed agreement had to be available for inspection for 15 days prior to that general meeting

(subsection 5(a)); (c) The proposed agreement had to be available for inspection at the general meeting itself (subsection 5(b)).

Nor was it in dispute that such contracts were not rendered unlawful as a whole, the only sanction provided for being that in subsec-tion (6), namely that to the extent that any term of the agreement contravened section 319 it was void, a deemed provision for reasonable notice being substituted.

The doctrine that the imanimous consent of all shareholders who had a right to attend and vote at a general meeting of the company could override formal, including statutory, requirements in relation to the passing of resolutions at such meetings (the Duomatic principle) had been developed and ap-plied in a number of reported decisions, largely at first instance, and it was not argued that the Duomat-

ic principle was in error.

The argument centred on whether the against tened of whether er the particular stantory lan-guage of section 319 excluded or rendered inappropriate the applica-tion of the Duomatic principle.

Before the judge it was argued for the company that the principle in Duomatic should not be applied so as to save the "for life" provision Mr and Mrs Wright's contracts, in particular because the express coupled with subsections (3) and (5), amounted to peremptory lan-

3 Unless the court otherwise direct-

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ing of every interlocutory applica-

tion each party who intended to

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(iv) The failure by a party with-

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plication of the Duomatic princi-The judge rejected that submis-

The purpose of section 319 of the 1985 Art was to ensure that a company should not be bound by an obligation to employ a director for more than five years unless its members had considered and approved the relevant term.

Section 319(6) was not felicitoushy drafted, but on the face of it it was unequivocal that contravention of the procedural provisions rendered the term of employment void to the extent that it exceeded five vears.

The reasoning of Mr Justice Lindsey in In re R W Peak (Kings Lynn) Ltd [1908] I BCLC 1930. on the inter-relationship between the provisions for written resolutions in sections 381A-C and the Duomatic principle did not apply to the re-quirements of section 319 or the

Approaching the matter as one of principle, the submissions for Mr and Mrs Wright were to be pre-

While the various authorities decided upon the Duomatic principle did not make clear just how far formalities required by statute as apcy of the company arrangements could be ignored as formalities overlooked by oversight and cura-ble by assent, it seemed appropriale to approach that question on the basis of consideration of the purpose and underlying rationale of the particular formality in ques-

Thus it was logical in the case of R W Peak not to apply the Duomat-ic principle when it would have undermined the clear statutory pur-pose of section 164(2) and (5), as well as the broad policy considera-tions of Chapter VII of the 1985 Act.

In this case it was plain that real consent was given by the sole shareholder of the company for an act which was intra vires the compamy's powers.

Further, there was no plain pur-

the amount of the costs for which

an order for payment should be

(vi) A model form for use when

complying with sub-paragraph (i) was annexed (Available for

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4 The present practice direction

would come into effect on Monday,

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beyond the benefit and protection of the shareholders of the compa-

The underlying intention ap-peared to his Lordship to be to require unequivocal approval of the shareholders (subsection (3)) to a long term contract in respect of which there had been proper opportunity for the shareholders to consider the terms of the agreement approved (subsection [5]).

The requirement of subsection (3), taken alone, was unarguably amenable to the Duomatic princi-

While subsection (5) set out the formality required as a precondi-tion to the passing of the resolution contemplated in subsection (3) it seemed to his Lordship no more than a back-up formality in the nature of a notice provision designed to ensure the opportunity for fully informed consent by the sharehold

It was thus amenable to waiver by the class for whose protection it was designed, in circumstances where it was clear that there was in fact fully informed consent in respeci of an agreement known to the sole shareholder for longer than the 15-day period provided for in subsection (5).

To determine whether the Duomatic principle applied in respect of any resolution passed as an au-thorisation process under the 1985 Act, each provision required to be examined on its merits against the criterion of underlying purpose.

There might well be good reasons for refusing to apply the Duomanic principle to a particular provision when its underlying pur-His Lordship expressed no view on the applicability of the doctrine

save in the case of section 319. The judge was correct in holding that the relevant clause in each of the agreements in question were valid and of full effect.

Lord Justice Aldous and Lord

Justice Kennedy agreed. Solicitors: Eversheds, Manches-

Summary assessment of interlocutory costs

assess costs. The present provi-

sions would no longer apply after

April 36, 1999. 3 Paragraph 3 of the present practice direction applied to all interlocutory hearings the estimated dura-tion of which did not exceed one day. Failure to comply with subparagraph (i) might be taken as in-dicating that the party in default would not be seeking an order for

4 On April 26, 1999 the costs practice direction supplemental to parts 43 to 48 of the Civil Procedure Rules would come into effect. Paragraphs contained in section 3 of the costs practice direction relating to part 44 would supersede and replace the provisions of the present practice direction without materially altering their effect.

# Sentencing defendants who assist police

Regina v X

Refore Lard Justice Rose, Mr Justice Hughes and Judge Stephens,

Budgment February I] Guidance as to the proper manner in which a semencing judge should deal with confidential material put before him about a defendant who had given assistance to the police was given by the Court of Appeal. Criminal Division.

The court allowed an appeal by X against total sentences imposed in July 1998 in Croydon Crown Court by Judge Pran of four years imprisonment for burglary and breach of probation orders in respect of theft and burglary. The sentences were reduced to three and a

Mr Gordon Ross, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Miss Campaspe Lloyd-Jacob for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE HUGHES, giv-ing the judgment of the court, said that the case raised the question of the proper manner in which a sentencing judge should deal with a written confidential report made by a police officer and verified at senior level, indicating that the appellant had given information to

The proper principles to be applied were as follows: I is should be remembered that a

supplied by a police officer, was supplied at the request of a defend-

2 Except to the extent that a defendant's story was supported by the police, it would not generally be likely that the sentencing judge would be able to make any adjustment to the sentence. A defendant's unsupported assertions were not likely to make any difference.

3 It followed that courts had to rely heavily on the completeness and accuracy of the report as presented, and the greatest care had to be taken in the compiling of such documents for the perusal of a judge. 4 Except in very unusual circumstances it would not be necessary or desirable for a document of that kind to contain the kind of details vhich would necessitate a public interest immunity application. 5 If it did attract public interest imal rules about the conduct of such an application would apply: see vn Court (Criminal Procedure

and Investigations Act 1996) (Disclosure) Rules (SI 1997 No 698). 6 Absent any consideration of public interest immunity, which their Lordships took to be the general po sition, a such documents should be shown to counsel for the defence who would no doubt discuss the contents with the defendant.

That was not because it would be necessary to debate its contents

that the judge had been told anything unfavourable.

On general principles a defendant was entitled to see documents to he put before the judge who was sentencing him. Expeditions to judges chambers should not usual-

y be necessary. 7 If a defendant disagreed with the contents of such a document it was not appropriate to cross-examins the police officer, either in court or in chambers. The police officer was not a Crown witness in such a situation. He was simply supplying information to the judge at the re-quest of the defendant. If a defendant did not accept what the docu-

ment said, his remedy was not to rely on it. 8 No doubt the judge should nor-mally disregard such a document if asked to do so by the defendant. 9 If the judge did take the document into consideration then be should say no more than was cur rent practice that he had taken is

into account. Consistently with those principles their Lordships approached the ease on the basis of the writer document before them, not on any assertion by the appellant outside that material. But because the material before them went somewhat further than that before the tria: judge they considered that the sentence should be moderated. Solicitors: CPS, Croydon.

### Fire insurance valid

Printpak (a Firm) v AGF Insurance Ltd

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice A'aller

Budgment January 291 Breach of a section warranty in a commercial inclusive insurance policy did not invalidate the insurance cover under other sections of the policy. The terms of the policy were such as to exclude section 33(3) of the Marine Insurance Act 1906, which discharged an insurer from liability where a warranty was not complied with.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal from Judge Heggarty in the Manchester district registry of the Queen's Bench Division on September 24, 1997 ordering as a preliminary issue that the plaintiffs' breach of a warranty to maintain a burglar alarm did not invalidate their fire insurance un-

der a policy with the defendants. Section 33 of the 1906 Act provides: (3) A warranty ... is a condition which must be exactly com-plied with, whether it be material to the risk or not. If it be not so complied with, then, subject to any express provision in the policy, the insurer is discharged from liability as from the date of the breach of warranty, but without prejudice to any liability incurred by him before that date."

Mr Anthony Barker, OC, for the defendants; Mr Paul Isabes for the

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said

the plaintiffs' print linishing factory in Leeds had been insured under a commercial inclusive policy under which a number of sections each afforded a different kind of insurance policy. The plaintiffs had sustained loss

and damage by fire and claimed in anis repudiated alleging arson. The defendants also said that they were discharged from liability by reason of breach by the plaintiffs of a warranty in the policy.

The warranty provided that the burglar alarm be fully operational at all times when the premises were closed. When the fire took place the alarm was turned off be-

cause of building work. It was necessary to focus on the form and structure of the policy itself. Each different type of risk was dealt with in a separate section.

er damage to property; section B theft; section C money; section H employer's liability, and so on. The precise terms of insurance scribed by a schedule, so that the in-

give the particular cover required Under each risk in the schedule there was a list of "section endorsements". The alarm warranty was a section endorsement under section

The crux of Mr Barker's areu-

ment was that when the policy was viewed as a single contract and there had been an anempted breach of the alarm warranty it followed in the light of the 1906 AC that the insurers were discharged from the contract. In his Lordship's judgment, it

did not follow that because it was a

single contract it was to be treated as a seamless document. The commencial inclusive endorsements were all stated in terms to be "operative only as stated in the policy Those words explicitly wrote the warranty into the relevant section and not into the others. That was

also horne out by their being de scribed as "section endorsements" Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Waller agreed. Solicitors: Paris & Co. Warwick:

Eversheds, Leeds. Correction

in R v Liverpool City Magistrates. Ex parte Quantrell (The Times Feb. ruary 2) the Divisional Court al-lowed the application of John Qantrell.

### (v) The foregoing sub-para-graphs were not to apply where the parties had agreed between them timate duration of which did not plied both to the court's decision to Judicial review inappropriate

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Courtcules 1981.

It would not normally be appropri-ate to sek judicial review of the de-cision f a local housing authority, in the xercise of its discretion under setion 204(4) of the Housing Act 195, to refuse to continue to se-cure nat accommodation was made or available for a person pendig the determination of his appeato the county court under section 201(1) against the authori-

ty's decision concerning his eligibility for assistance as a homeless per-

Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls. sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Tuckey, so stated on February I, refusing a renewed application by Ramon Nacion for leave to move for judicial review of the refusal of Brighton and Hove Council to continue to provide him with

accommodation pending determination of his appeal to the county court under section 204(1).

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that judicial review would be an appropriate remedy consider whether to exercise its distinue to secure that accommodation was available for such a per-

exercise their power to assess costs in cases not falling within the deciding what order in respect of the costs of the application should

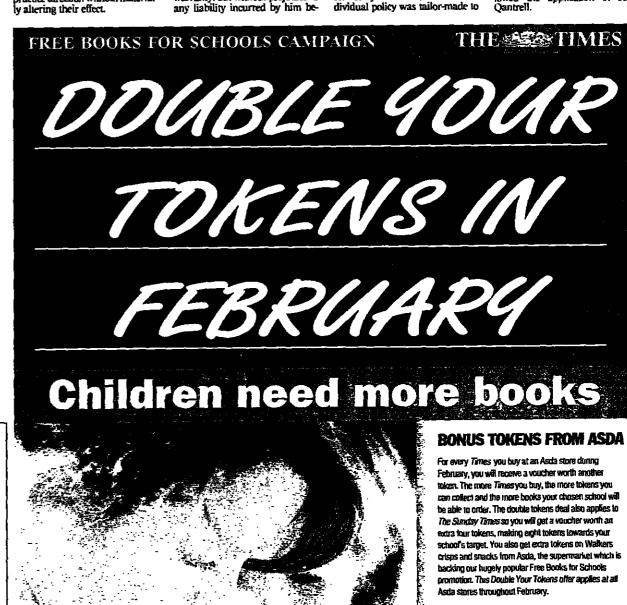
scope of the present practice direction from doing so. 2 Order 38 rule 190) of the County Court Rules 1981 required the court to assess costs without a taxation (a) where the costs were awarded on the lower scale and (b) where the costs were awarded on scale 1

and the solicitor for the receiving party so desired. In cases covered by Order 38. rule 19(1) an assessment was obligatory not discretionary.

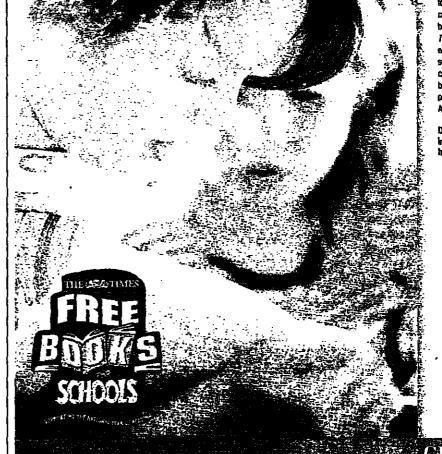
In county court proceedings, the court had a discretionary power to assess costs under Order 38, rule 3(3D), where costs were awarded on scale 2, und under rule 17B and rule 19(3), where costs were award-ed on scale I and were not included

in the general costs of the action. Thereagart, in county court proceedings the court had no power to

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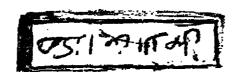


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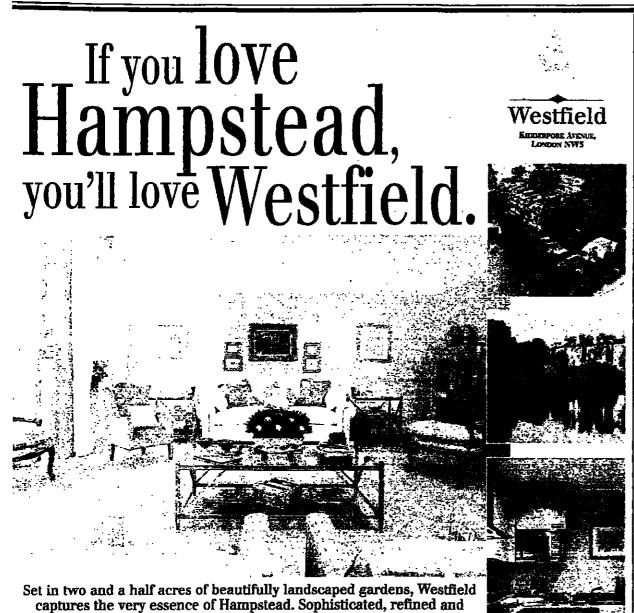
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# Best movers of the year

What makes a good estate agent and who is at the top? Rachel Kelly searches out high-flyers

elling your house is an emotional busi- baby. It is a detailed knowledge of the minutiae ness, famously equal in stress to bereavement and divorce. So, for the third year running, we are responding to readers' requests to list Britain's top agents.

Choosing the right name from behind the agency banners can mean the difference between a smooth 12 weeks (the average time it takes to sell a house, according to Black Horse

agencies) or a period fraught with tension.
Whatever the firms say in their marketing spiel, individuals, not companies, sell houses. It is an individual's ability to act as salesman, midwife, agony uncle or aunt and deal-maker that not only achieves the best price, but also ensures that a sale proceeds smoothly.

We have again asked the buying agents Property Vision, Bedrock International and Homefront to nominate the movers in the agency world. Such firms work with agents on a daily basis because they act for buyers. We have also asked Stowe Construction for its views. As a developer of houses in the Home Counties and Central London, Stowe has an acute sense of who actually sells the schemes that they have

There are two types of agent. There are those who sit in their offices and wait for the phone to ring, and those who are out in the marketplace, on the street, finding out all and everything about the market in their local area." says Harry Marriott of Stowe.

The best agents have an impressive databank of information in their heads: recent sales, prices per square foot, the condition of the property, who might sell, who is getting divorced, who married, who might buy, who is having a of people's lives that makes deals happen for the top operators. They will move quickly to view a property and move mountains to show it (Sundays are no problem if that is what a buyer wants). The smartest agents ride motorbikes (think of Ed Mead at the London agents Doug-

las & Gordon), which give them an added edge. The best agents socialise with their clients and in the country that may mean taking up shooting or hunting. And they are friendly with other agents, too: they are a key source of infor-mation and potential deals. In London agents share information after an initial attempt to sell

Good agents are in for the long haul. A successful sale may mean another instruction five years later. The best operators are local, not seeking to master the world, but a few streets or even a square (Graham Scott Dalgleish, from the agents W. A. Ellis, is the expert on Cadogan Square in Chelsea, for example).

Last year was a difficult one for agents. The property market wobbled, then all but died in the autumn as fluctuating world financial mar-kets left buyers and sellers uncertain. In such a climate it takes courage, as Willie Gething of Property Vision says, to tell a potential client that his or her house is worth less than Mrs Jones's three doors down (which has an extra bedroom and has been totally refurbished). The names on our list should help sellers seek-

ing the best price for their home, and should help buyers too. These are often agents with the best selection on their books. Inevitably, they are biased to the top end of the market because these are the agents known to buying agents.



THE house featured in the BBC television series Miss Marple is for sale, Oak Cottage. Lunscombe Hill, Devon. was built in 1863 and has many period features such as stone mullioned windows. leaded lights, carved corbels and Tudor-style chimneys. A main feature of the house is the classically landscaped garden. Robert Williams's Exeter office is selling the four-bedroom house for £340.000.

ONE of London's most expensive houses is for sale. The Grade II listed Old Rectory. Old Church Street. Chelsea. was bought by Gianna An-gelopoulos, a Greek lawyer, for £25 million in 1995. She and her husband. Dimitris Avramopoulos, have spent £10 million redecorating the 50-room 18th-century home.

■ THE Connaught Square property once home to Victor Lowndes, the head of the British division of the Playboy Club and right-hand man to Hugh Hefner, is on offer. Many celebrities, such as Bill Cosby, Tony Curtis and War-ren Beatty, attended parties there in the Sixtics. Roman Polanski is said to have held his stag party at the house before his marriage to Sharon Tate. Chestertons Residential Hyde Park office is asking £1.3 million for the lease.

■ THE house of the Rev Francis Kilvert is for sale. Kilvert's Diary, published in 1938, elevated this humble parish priest to posthumous world fame and gave a unique insight into the Victorian rural scene in the 1870s. During the last ten years of his life he kept a diary in small notebooks. The most interesting parts were printed but the rest of the diary was destroyed and only three notebooks survived. The Old Vicarage, Bredwardine. Herefordshire, is a five-bedroom house and is for sale through Knight Frank's Hereford office for £425,000.

signed by Peter Mandelson's architect. Seth Stein is for rent. The flat, in fashionable St John Street, is nestled between restaurants and bars, including Stephen Bull, Vic Naylor's bar. Cicada and Café Lazeez. Club Gascon is close by. The flat is for rent through Hurford Salvi Carr for £550 a

■ A CLERKENWELL flat de-

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### AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

AT THE top end of the Central London market, David Forbes of Chesterfield is a preeminent deal-doer. Over the past year he has moved west from his Chelsea and Knightsbridge stamping grounds and now sells as often in WII and Kensington as in southwest London.

Other names doing the top deals are Alan Russell, of Russell Simpson, who sells some of London's most expensive properties, and Andrew Langton of Aylesford: In Chelsea, honourable

mentions go to Louise Hewlett of Aylesford, and Andy Buchanan, of John D Wood, who knows everything there is to know about Chelsea Square. Still doing deals with persistence and tenacity are Charlotte Mortimer and Jonathan Hewlett at FPD Savills, and Howard Elston of Strutt & Parker.

Mr Hewlett has a lower profile than some, but handled the sale of Lord Lloyd-Webber's house in Eaton Square and is currently selling the Ski Club in Eaton Square for about £15 million. Dick Ford, at Knight Frank in Kensington Church Street, is among the most experienced operators in the Kensington market. His background as the son of a courtier ensures his smooth dealings with sometimes difficult clients, while Ed Mead, of Douglas & Gordon, is making a name for himself selling in South Ken-

sington and Chelsea. Farther out, Michael Comyn, of John D Wood in Trinity Road, is the best, most professional agent at the top end of the market in Wandsworth. Niall McMahon, of Mc-Mahon & Co, is still selling more houses on communal gardens in WII than anyone else, his close friendships and long residence in the area making him a natural. Paul Finnegan, of FPD Savills, was cited as a top agent for the most expensive properties in Richmond and Wimbledon and within the M25. "He is

igent says. In the country, Sam Butler, of Butler Sherbourne in Burford, Oxfordshire, gets top marks. Mr Butler was a partner in Knight Frank and has built up a thriving practice with three or four offices in Gloucestershire. It specialises in the middle and upper end

very professional, on time and

good-humoured." one buying

Martin Lamb, of Knight Frank in Exeter, is an excellent and convivial agent for the West Country. Tommy de Malet Morgan, of Savills in Guildford, easily defends his place on the previous lists.

of the market.

John Husband, of Humnot only an agent who makes deals happen but is also one with an informed view of the marketplace.

Patrick Bailey, of Strutt & Parker in Newbury, specialises in Berkshire property, as does Brenda Coates, of Dreweatt Neate.

For property in Wiltshire, Graham Waterton, of Strutt & Parker in Salisbury, gets top marks, while Atty Boer-Roberts, of Knight Frank, is recommended for property in Gloucestershire. In Cam-

bridgesbire. Bidwell's Jock Lloyd-Jones in Trumpington ranks highly. In Northamptonshire, those interested in smaller properties will not go far wrong with Richard Jones, of Jackson-Stops & Staff. Michael Dunning, of Lane Fox in Winchester, was highly praised, as was Philip

Winchester office. Farther east, Conrad Payne, of Cluttons Daniel Smith, was cited for his skills in and around Canterbury.
In the Cotswolds, Harry

Blanchard, of John D Wood's

Clegg, of Clegg Kennedy Drew, is recommended for selling farms or estates up to and above £1 million. Robin Thomas, of Strutt & Parker in Exeter, covers Devon, Cornwall and parts of Somerset.

Also in Somerset, try Richard Pawson, of Humberts. Ian Stirling, of Lane Fox in Banbury, has been described as "the best agent in north Ox-fordshire". In Exeter, Tim Page-Ratcliffe, of Strutt & Parker, is widely recommended. In Kent, Martyn Phillips of Phillips & Stubbs scored ter, Northamptonshire, Peter Evans of Bartram & Co is deemed a significant threat to

rival firms. Farther north, Tim Blenkin, of Blenkin & Co, works with Knight Frank, and is the person to contact for expensive estate sales in Yorkshire, especially in the Humbleton and Howardian Hills area. There are honourable mentions, too, for Tim Waring and Tony Wright, of Carter Jonas in Harrogate. Edward Water-

was another agent collecting compliments.

In Scotland, James Carnegie-Arbuthnott, of Brodies, comes highly recommended for anyone wishing to sell estates in and around Edinburgh. Simon Rettie, of Rettie & Co. is another rising star, adept at finding houses in Edinburgh from £150,000.

Angus Cheape, of Langley Taylor, once again drew warm reviews. Niall Graham-Campbell is from Finlayson Hughes, one of the few agencies to have an Inverness offices. He has carved out a niche selling Highland estates.

# son, of Carter Jonas in York, Fancy a Hebridean isle?

S ix crofters on the Scottish island of Barra are putting the tail of the Outer Hebrides on the market Example. er Hebrides on the market. For the past 80 years, the Barra Head islands have been largely uninhabited, but Pab-bay once hosted a whisky still for passing fishermen. On Mingulay, the remains of the village are still standing, though only the schoolhouse has a roof.

The crofters are relinquishing the islands with regret, but the simple practicalities of grazing their sheep 25 nautical miles from home make economic nonsense of a tradition that has produced some of the finest organic lamb in the

"Sixty-four years ago a sheep from Mingulay sold for £4 a head." Roddy Macleod. one of the six, says. "This year they sold for £2.20 each — and it cost us £3 to get them to market."

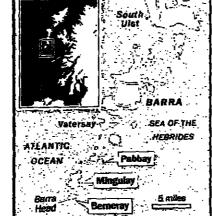
The six Barra families have owned the islands (Mingulay, Berneray, Pabbay and assorted islets) since 1955, but managing them has been back-breaking and bankbreaking work. Take, for example, the annual round-up for market. None of these islands has sheltered landing places for boats, so first you must catch a wild sheep before tucking it under your arm while it struggles furiously, and wade out to a dinghy pitching around in the shallows. Transfer the sheep to the bigger boat and repeat 300 times. Even with subsidies it is pretty unrewarding work.

Everyone who has set foot on Mingulay, the largest of the islands, speaks of its distinctive charm. Long ago it was the inspiration for the Mingulay Boat Song. which still features in local ceilidhs.

The 640-hectare island is quite treeless - it is gentle and green on the eastern side, rising to some dramatic cliffs in the west. It has a microclimate that belongs more to the sunshine-rich Tiree, to its south, than to the misty Outer Hebrides

stretching to the north. Until the beginning of this century the people of Mingulay lived largely by crofting, fishing and eating seabirds caught from the chiffs. Ian Alan MacNeil, whose mother was from Mingulay, used to run

**Andrew Eames** on a Scottish sale



the small ferry between Barra and the island of Vatersay. He knows how tricky these waters can be. Mr MacNeil recently came to the rescue of Mingulay's temporary resident, the Glasgow-based conceptual artist Julie Brooke, when treacherous autumn weather rendered the island unapproachable for two weeks longer than she had expected.

Ms Brooke, who was seven months pregnant and had been on the island since May, was understandably relieved to see him. "It's going to be a very healthy baby," she says. "It's had plenty of fresh

That was Ms Brooke's third season alone on Mingulay, and she described it as something of a personal tragedy that the islands have to be sold. She is accustomed to living alone in the wilds, having spent several years in a cave on the island of Jura until that had become unavailable

The Barra Head crofters allowed her to set up on Mingulay after she gave them a demonstration of her work. She remem-

bers that there was "a sort of silence after the slide show - and then Roddy said it was not really the sort of thing they were used to". Nevertheless, the crofters gave her permission to use the schoolhouse whenever they were not visiting and since then they have been "incredibly supportive" of her work, some of which remains on the island.

Stock management expeditions to outlying uninhabited islands are a part of Hebridean crofting culture. Mr Macleod and his colleagues used to travel out a couple of times a year to Mingulay and stay there for as long as was necessary.

"It was always hard work, but it was also a good time," he says. "We'd tell all the stories, have a good crack."

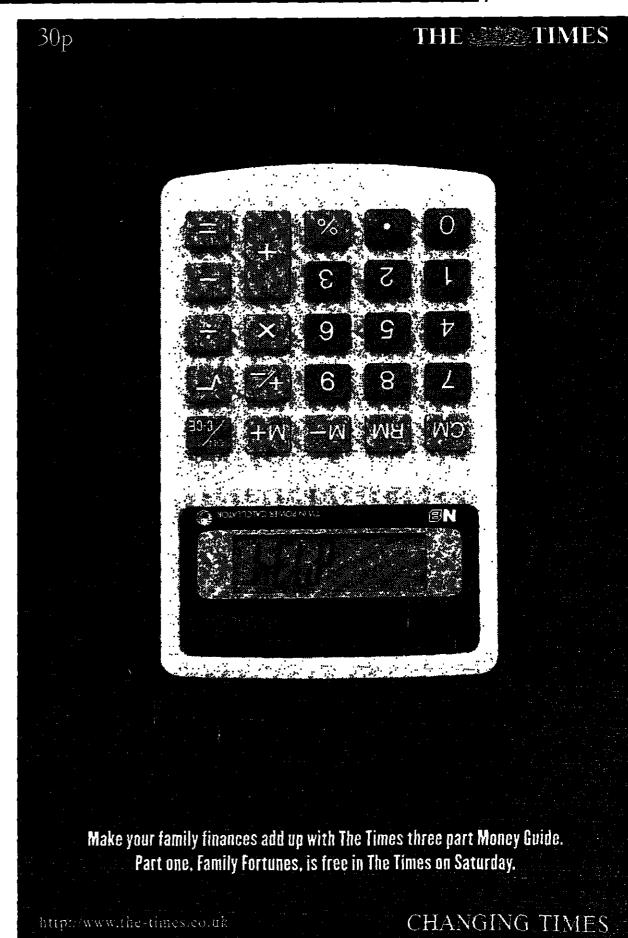
Quite who will be tempted by this fluttering tail of islands is anyone's guess. says Ken MacDonald, the Stornoway-based lawyer acting on behalf of the crofters. "I can't recall anything like this ever appearing on the market before," he says. Mr MacDonald expects the larger countryside or wildlife agencies such as the RSPB to enter the bidding, but the latter says that the islands do not have a suffi-

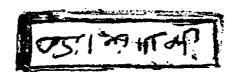
ciently unusual bird population. The National Trust for Scotland is more positive. "The islands have real scenic and archaeological value," a spokesman says. Although a full valuation has yet to be

completed, there has been talk of a price tag as high as £1 million. "It doesn't sound unreasonable," says the Hamburg-based agent Farhad Vladi, who specialises in selling islands to the very wealthy. 'The island market is strong and there hasn't recently been much for sale in Scotland."

For private purchasers the perceived romance of the islands will be crucial. For the agencies, the price could be the stick-

Mr MacNeil admits to being unhappy with the idea of his mother's birthplace falling into foreign hands. He returns there quite often in the summer months, taking people to look at where their families once lived. It would be a shame if that tradition, too. had to stop.







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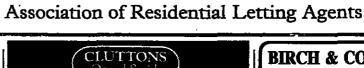


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# Mullins keeper of the faith

t is a plucky hand he is playing, all right, but then that is how the Irish have come to trust him. A lesser man would lose his nerve. At Leopardstown on Sunday, Florida Pearl goes on trial for the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup. He fell in the Ericsson Chase there on his reappearance, only the fourth time he had jumped obstacles under Rules.

Willie Mullins did not panic, did not rush extra experience into him. As a rival trainer puts it: "By God, Willie's going to look some sort of genius if he pulls it off. He'd nearly be one, too."

That messianic spectre, the heir to Arkle, has been perceived more than once in Ireland over the past thirty years or so, but only through a glass darkly - generally followed, in brave sorrow, by several more glasses.

Now, as they drain the black stuff in celebration and conviction, a clearer vision of greatness is emerging in Florida Pearl, as graceful as he is powerful. Yet the more feverish his countrymen, the more placid seems Mullins in his lair under the Blackstairs mountains.

It is not his fault that racing people - in Ireland as any-where - have such a weakness for prophets and loss, for these beguiling cycles of expectation and disillusion, loose talk and tight belts. The trouble is that he is insisting, almost casually, that this time they have the real thing on their hands. And one has to accept what he says, not merely because he is so genuine, so wholly lacking in vanity, but because he so obviously knows what he is talking about.

His father, Paddy, is the revered patriarch of Irish National Hunt trainers. Willie, 42, was working for the old man when Dawn Run launched hundreds of trilbies into the grandstand roof at Cheltenham after the 1986

Gold Cup. "lcon" is a word that can be used too freely in such a frivolous context, but Mullins understands how countless ordinary people exult in these dreams. By the same token, he is aware of his responsibilities. of the pain that accompanies iconoclasm. Yet he is adamant that this wonderful horse, 17 hands tall with a white blaze. can shoulder the greatest of expectations. "I'm not going to

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Mullins checks the wellbeing of Florida Pearl, nearside, after a workout with Alexander Banquet yesterday

try to compare him with Arkle," he says. "He was something else. But I certainly think he's good enough to be the best since."

Nobody, moreover, could demonstrate more credibly that he knows where he stands with a racehorse. The barns at his stables in the Barrow valley, between Carlow and Kilkenny, are identified by the paint on the box doors. In the red barn, three adjacent stalls are occupied by horses that consecrated him as the redeemer of consecutive Festivals for thousands of Irish punters. Wither Or Which, Florida Pearl and Alexander Banquet have won the last three runnings of the Bumper to the re-

He rode Wither Or Which himself. "On the morning of the race I heard Ted Walsh on

PAUL MELLON, 91, a leading owner-breeder.

died at his Virginian home on Monday. Ian

Balding, who trained Mellon's horses in Brit-

ain, said yesterday: "Peter Hastings Bass and before him his father, Aubrey, trained for him

before I did. He had horses in Britain for over

lief of their animated support-

were crammed. The Irish RICHARD EVANS banker is not the owner's or Name Blegger Des Cosses (1.9) Newton Athord) Philip Hebbs Breasts a fine record at Newton Ab-bet and his Breast of this winner can add to the trainers success on this British tenency debut. the trainer's. He belongs to the Irish people. They latch onto one or two, and that's it." Florida Pearl has obliged in

returned last year for the Roy-al & SunAlliance Chase, and Mullins thinks he is better still this year. He had decided, af-Next best America pl. (C. Mewton Abbot ter the Bumper, not to squander Florida Pearl's precious resources. He would miss out hurdling and run him as spar-Irish banker. He said that ingly as possible to preserve, they'd better get a good look at him down the start, as that with luck, three cracks at the Gold Cup. Everything had was the last they'd see of him. I asked who he was talking gone right until the last ditch at the Christmas meeting. about, and they told me it was when he was still on the bridle Wither Or Which. That was a in pursuit of Dorans Pride.

It could be a blessing in dis-"Then, when we got home guise," Mullins said. "Jackie the people who'd left work to This wifel always rides the go to the betting offices, people horse and reckons he's very inwho'd never set foot in one in telligent. What you teach him, the television talking about the their lives. Apparently, they he learns, repeats. Richard

50 years, I trained a host of good horses for

him, but Mill Reef (Derby, Eclipse Stakes,

King George and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe)

this role twice already, having

[Dunwoody] had not wound him up for the previous five or six fences and asked him just three strides out. In his own mind, the horse was waiting to get reined back just to pop it. hadn't realised he'd got the office to fly it. Maybe next time Richard will know not to ask him so quickly."

owever, the dream is alive for the Hennessy on Sunday. Archie O'Leary the owner of Florida Pearl, rejected an offer of £400,000 this time last year; Mullins disclosed that two further bids, presumably even bigger, have been rejected in the last month. O'Leary remains steadfast. Famously, the Corkman once told a caller: "I am for sale. So is my wife. But the horse is not." As Mullins says: "After all, this is what you strive for. You spend your life trying for this."

O'Leary, a former rugby in-ternational, had found sporting fulfilment priceless as an amateur. Emboldened by the recent endeavours of Ulster and London Irish, perhaps his successors will shock the French at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. It could be quite a weekend in Dublin.

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Musselburgh

Going: good, good to soft in places 1,30 (2m Indie) 1. Es Go IH Bassman, 4-6 lav) 2. Lean Dancer IA-1), 3, Albert The Bear (11-1) 9 ran 13, 81 R Bassman Tote, 51 70: \$1 (0, £1 90, £2.80 DF £3.00 CSF £3 12 C312 2.00 (2m hdle) 1. Granner Marc II. Wyer. 10-1), 2. Curriculus (10-1) 3, Celestel Key (3-1) Finisterro (4th) 6-4 fav 9 ran 14, 14 J. Jefferson Tole 35-60, E230, E260, E160 DF E42,30 CSF, 591 40. 2.30 (2m ch) 1, Bernburgh Boy (L Wycr. 3-1), 2, Ballad Minstre (4-5 tan), 3, Rossel (9-2) 7 tan 3, 81 T. Easterby Tate © 40, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £2.70 CSF: £5.07 3.00 (2m 4l ch<sub>1</sub> 1, **Dambys Gonse** (T Schold), 5-1(; 2, Salem Beach (10-1); 3, Adamsis (7-2 law) 8 ran, 5, 7 J Editerson, Tota; 7-90; 52.0, e2.20, C 10 DF: C15 00 CSF: C36 46 Tricast £136 12 \$30 (2m 4) hdie) 1, Forty Love (A Dobbin, 9-1), 2, Paris Pika (10-1); 3, Mr Lurpak (6-1) Falcon du Coleau (6th) 5-1 (av. 15 ran, 24, 1½ J Goldie, Tote £12,30, £3,80, £2,70, £190. DF: £54.70 Tote Triljecta. £459.50 CSF £95.72 Tricast: £543.62 4.00 (Sm du 1, Nilit Dee (R Supple, 7-4 tay); 2, Trogerish (14-1), 3, Smiths Wynd (50-1), 7 fan Nil Legible, Silver Pearl, 7l, 4t. Peargront Tote £2.20, £1.30, £3.40. DF: £14.30, CSF: £19.51.

£14.30, CSF: £19.51, 4.30 (3m hdle) 1, fm. The Man fl. Cooper, 11-2); 2, Ruber (18-1); 3, Topothenorithrac-ung (8-1). My Stherandoah (6h) 5-2 lav 14 ran. 2-1, 6l. Mrs Dusnne Sayer Tote £7.40; 22.50, £4.20, £1.50. DF: £86.40. CSF: £71.33 Thicast £496.31.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £28,716.82 carried forward to Wolvertampton lo-day).

Taunton Going: good to solt 1.40 (2m if hele ) , Salamah (J Osborne, +5 (av. Richard Evans's nap), 2, Explain The (11-4), 3 Father Krismas (15-2), 14 ran 9, 5) C Egerton, Tote E1 80, E1 10, E1 10, E1 70 UP: \$2.80 CSF 33.06 2.18 (2m 3) 110/o ndey 1, Lizzys First (M A Fazgetald, 100-30), 2, Carlys Ouest (6-4 say, 3, Guru Ringothe (50-1), 12 ran 3-4, 8, B Millman, Tote, \$4.90, \$1.50, \$1.10, \$44.90, DF \$2.50, \$3F, \$8.20, Tincash \$198.24 2.40 (2m 3i chi 1, North Killkenny (R Widg-er, 100-30), 2. Native Fling (7-4 ksv); 3. Nor-dic Breaze (4-1) 14 nam 71, 2 h R Almer Toler £4.90; £1.70, £1.40, £2.10 DF £7.60 CSF £9.52

3.10 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, North Tyne (A P McCoy, 94 p-lay), 2, Jezz Duke (B-1), 3, Ezenek (B-4 p-lay), 12 ran, 15, 71, R Ainer Toter £280, £190, £250, £1.10 DF £74.00 CSF £20.39 274.00 CSF 126/10 (1966) 1. Storm Castle (D Gallagher, 5-4 lavi. 2, Master Rastus (11-2). 3, Longstone Lad (66-1), 12 ran. Hd, 231 D Arbufmot. Tota. 92.00, £1 10, 92.20, 65.20. DF; 05.80, CSF; 98.02.

4.18 (3m ch) 1, Country Store (R Johnson, 6-1); 2, The Cockerton (5-6 key; 3, Regendif (7-1), B ran, NR. Amendannes Sh td. 3'.4, M Pipe, Tote: £7.20, £1.60, £1.40, £1.90, DF: £5.90 CSF: £11.59, Tricast £35.05. 2.50 u.c. 4.40 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Nortendic JR Widger, 4-5 favl; 2, Mister Generosty (14-1), 3, Golden Arrow (12-1), 12 ran, 13-4, 8, P Hobbs Tote: C1-70, C1.10, C5-30, C4.20, DF: 09.40, CSF: £1199, Treast: 289 01.

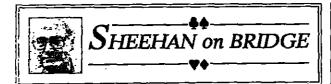
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1.50 (1m) 1. Melomania (Miss C Haddox; 40-fs, 2, Gadge (11-2) 3. Rodoutsesle (15-8 tav) 9 ran 11s, 41 Plowling Tote, (17-40, 0:11 60, 52 60, 0:11 0 DF, \$408.30 CSF £218.05 Tricast: £576.55 2.20 (1m 25 1, Oreay (Martin Dover, 7-2) 2, Night Chy (7-4 lav), 3, Dehue (14-11, 8 ran NR Key To The Chy 3's! 61 W Mus-Toler 64 50: £1 30: £1 10: £7 00 DF £8 60 CSF £9 54

2.50 (6) 1. Light Breezs IR Bristand, 7-4 favi. 2. Westside Phys. (5-2). 3. Riddle (6-1): 5 ran. Hd. 114 G.L. Moore Total: 22 40, E1 30, E1 50 DF: 96 40 CSF. 25 16. 3.20 (1m) 1. Weiting Kritght (P McCabe, 100-30), 2, Wild Thing (5-2 lav); 3, Lucky Nemo (10-1) 7 ran 29, 4 Mrs N Macauley Tote: \$5.20, \$2.50, \$1 10 OF \$3.80 CSF

2.50 (6) 1, Antie (A Clan., 3-1), 2, Ancka-to (8-1), 3, Mukamab (7-4 lav) 8 ran. 1, 11/1. G Wragg, Tote £4 50, £1 80, £2 80, £1 10 DF £25.30 CSF £25.62 Troast £49 81. After a stewards' inquiry, the plac-ings remained unalitered.

4.20 (1m 4); 1, Helf Tible (R Cocimans, 2-1 lav), 2, Haydin James (5-1), 3, Harvey White (11-2), 11 ran, Ns, hd. P. Mitchell. Tote 52:30, 52:0, £1:40, £1:70, DF £7:10 CSF £11.58. Tricast: £45:87. Placepot: £18.40.



By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When the opponents are bidding on both sides of you, it is dangerous to get involved with balanced hands - your partner may have a flat Yarborough. This is an example, from

16	1998 Gold C	up semi-fi	nal.		
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Contract: Two Clubs by South. Lead: seven of clubs.

WORD-WATCHING

He was slightly too strong to overcall One No-Trump when South opened One Club: although that would show 15-18 points, the West hand was stronger for notrump purposes, with the possession of all four tens. As the auction developed it was clear his partner had very lit-tle, and Boris wisely passed on his second turn (though many players would try One No-Trump). Admittedly, One No-Trump goes only one down with East's fortuitous Jx of clubs providing a second

Eight with

stopper. At the other table in the Price-Cohen match, North opened Two Diamonds (weak) and South bid Two Spaces, constructive but not forcing. I think the correct action for West is to pass, but he was too macho for that,

NITRIDING

a. De-infestation

b. Moonlighting

c. Hardening

PANTOPORIA

a. A Rabelaisian hero

b. Seasonal entertainment

Boris Schapiro was West. and doubled. Now East-West eventually ended in Three Hearts doubled, for a penalty of 500 to North-South.

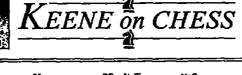
In the other semi-final Mossop as West heard his opponents compete to Four Clubs, and doubled for no very good reason. He led a club, and declarer made five tricks in clubs, one in hearts. the ace of spades, a spade ruff and two long spades. Had West not led a trump, declarer would have made one fewer trump trick and one more in spades. Mossop's opposite number in the West seat (Terry Goldsmith) wisely followed Schapiro's approach, and took no further part in the auction after doubling South's One Club opening. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

**GALEAZZI** a. A character in Verdi b. An ancient siege c. An unlucky break

LECITHIN a. Food extract b. Slimming tablets

Answers on page 38



By RAYMOND KEENE

Mill Reef's owner dies

fair shock to me.

Garry Kasparov achieved a 2,874 rating performance in the Wijk aan Zee tournament. He will thus gain around 10 points according to the rules of the world chess federation

rating system. l conclude my coverage today of Kasparov's individual performance at the Wijk aan Zee tournament by publishing the remaining game in his total of eight wins and also the tactically sharp game against the third prize-winner Vladimir Kramnik.

White: G Kasparov Black: R Kasimdzhanov Wijk aan Zee 1999

Grunfeld Defence Nb6 No6 Na5 o6 cxd5 23 Ne4 24 Nef6 Kg7 Rxd8 Rd2 25 Rxd8 26 Re1 29 Be3 30 Bd5 31 b4 Roca2 Nd8 Rb2

Rb1

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CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's rating gain

33 Nxf5 34 Bc1 35 Be4 36 Ne7+ Black resigns Diagram of final position 8 2 2 2 2 6 **A E** 5 3 2 1

abcdefgh White: V Kramnik Black: G Kasparov Wijk aan Zee 1999 Semi-Slav Defence

d4 c4 Nbd7 dxc4 b5 a6 c5 cxt4 e3 Bd3 Bxc4 Bd3 9 e4 10 e5 11 Nxb5 12 Nxe5 Nxe5 axb5 Bd7 Qa5+ Qxb5 Rxi8 Qc4 Qc9 Qc9+ Nxe7 Nc3 dxc3 Rxi8 C2 Rxi4 Bxb5-No.d7 15 8d2 16 Nx8 17 a4 18 b3 19 Qf3 20 Qms4 21 b4 22 f3 23 Bmc3 24 Ke2 25 Rhd1 27 Rxc2 Rob4 Draw agreed 28 a5

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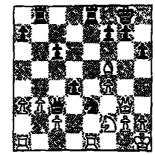
You can send me your queries, puz zies, problems and games direct by e-mail. The address is keenechesse aol.com. The best contributions from Times readers will be pub lished either here or in the Saturday Times Weekend column.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Rozentalis — Adams. Elista Olympiad,

White has just captured a piece on f5. Black could simply recapture with his knight but does he have anything better?



### **NEWTON ABBOT**

THUNDERER

2.10 Jack Tanner 2.40 Crazy Crusader 3.10 Rockforce

3.40 Grangewood King 4.40 Distant Storm

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.40 SILK VESTMENTS. GOING: HEAVY

2.10 SAPPHIRE & DIAMOND NOVICES CHASE (£2,697: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

BETTING: 1-3 Jack Tanner, 9-4 Fighting Times, 50-1 Fleeting Mandate. Scalet Rambler, 66-1 Classic Image. 1996: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING.

Classic triange 6ff lost of 11 to Tremendicto in setting handle at Herelond Clam 11, good to sold; previously 77 8th of 10 to Red Jem Jer in setting handle at Market Rosen (2m 51 10yd, good). Edipting Times 8 handless handle at Market Rosen (2m 51 10yd, good). Edipting Times 8 handless handle at Wincamon (2m, soid). Fleehing Marketae 257 fth of 10 to Wade Rose in movies handle at Kempton (2m, good to soit). Jack Tanner roses 2nd of 6 to Valurd in rowed handle grade 2 at Sandami (2m) good. previously 27 days 4 Sanda at Science in 3-numer novice handle grade 2 at Device 110yd, good. previously 504 4th of 12 to Oriental Roy in movies handless of the soil 110yd, good to 500).

JACK TANNER, a leading novice hurdler two seasons ago, has little to begt on his return to action 2.40 LAVIS TRIBUTE TO 136 SPITFIRE SQDN' NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,215; 2m 6f) (11 runners)

06423 BLADNS STIRM 13 (8.5) (Catalileuroth Pamership b) C Epetinn 7-11-10 J Osborne 79 O-828P AMOTHERAMSO B (8) BA'S M Sheshiri) R Bales 6-11-8 ... G Shenidh (5) 50 FSPES AMORAMI 13 OR HEIM MI HEI 6-11-0 ... R Witter (5) 55 FSPES CRACY CRUSADER 34 (A Frest) D Gandollo 7-10-12 ... D Leidhy (87) FSPES CRACY CRUSADER 34 (A Frest) D Gandollo 7-10-12 ... D Leidhy (87) FSPES CRACY CRUSADER 34 (A Frest) D Gandollo 7-10-12 ... D Leidhy (87) FSPES CRACY CRUSADER 36 (6) Cheor Hearts (7-10-5 ... A Require P-958P VELED OAMCER 33 (6) Rolliconthi (6 Frest 6-10-3 ... Ma A Holdoworth S-9-75 PLUCKENNE LIBERT 35 (has 3 Houdres) Mrs. J Frenders 8-10-0 ... J Marget 56 3-PDDS MUSC CLASS 36 (8) House Awdy Romp Cust R Bales 1-0-0 ... V Salesty ... O4523 REMEMBER STAR 8 (6 Ouchtwen Stud) A D Smith 6-10-0 ... G Supple (3) 71 Long bandkap: Chery Pie 9-13 Flickering Light 9-11, Music Class 9-8 Remember Stat 9-8.

BETTING: 7-4 Blazing Storm, 9-2 Crary Crucates, 6-1 Remember Star, 7-1 Cherry Pie, 8-1 Velled Dances, 10-1 San-donart, 16-1 Ameticsbarrbo, River Musigan, 20-1 others. Bizzing Sorm 241 3rd of 13 to Tao Do Trottsie in Nordecco hundle all Listlow Sam 2 110yd, solty, prediously 181 2nd of 10 to Castle Dwen in hundle
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3.10 LAVIS MEDICAL SYSTEMS HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,599: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

Long Hamácap: Benjamin Lancasás: 9-6.

BETTRIG: 6-4 Pacidiana. 3-1 Elegani Des Cosass, 5-1 Northern Saodier, 7-1 Robins Pride, 8-1 Hold Your Ranke. 16-1 Northern Singler. 20-1 Bompanin Lancister.

Recidence tests Ballytam 3-rul m 8-month movies handicap chase at judino (2m, good to soft), previously best Bacsak Hill a distance in 7-miner mandical chase at lemnion (2m, good to soft), previously best Bacsak Hill a distance in 7-miner mandical in handicap chase at lemnion (2m, brawy), previously best Morsico Find 231 4th of 5 to Bucstand List in handicap chase at lemnion (2m, brawy), Elegant Des Cosses 381 8th of 11 to Lizzys First in novice handicap hundle at Residen Abbut II Hillyd, 36th; previously each the Boosing Brief reck in Hermans latels standicap hundle at Residen Abbut (2m 11 10th), 56th; previously 4th Hillyd, 56th; previously 4th Homelian Care at Existence (2m 11 10th), 1801; previously 4th of 7 to Country Stor in bandicap chase at Hermandoon (2m 110th), 2mily previously 34th Mortiner Singer (5th better of basers a distance 5th. Benjamin Lancaster pulled up in handicap chase at Plantiplon (3m 11 110th), heavy), previously 34th 2nd of 5 to Another Deadly in handicap chase at Unglied (2m 41 110th), heavy). ROCKFORCE scared easily latest and, oil a 6th higher man, remains ahead of the handscappe

Blinkered first time

Wolverhampton: 2.00 Love Opera, 4.30 Cantgetyourbreath, Polly Mills. Newton Abbot: 2.40 Blazing Slorm, Amothebambo, River Mulli-

3.40 BANANA BOAT NH NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,173; 2m 1f) (8 runners) OO/P-5 BABY LANGASTER 28 (M Gillin) M Golfin 8-11-5 M Gritistis (5)
GRANGEWOOD KING (B Kigatrick) M Pipe 6-11-5 A P McCoy
D5 MARKER 23 (5 Spencer) M Pipe 6-11-5 C Mande
1 00 MR PERFECTA 75 (D.F) (6 Barrard) R Float 6-11-5 J Float
5 06- WILLET WIZARD 331 (D Sephens) Miss V Stephens
30-0 GRANNY RICH 76 (P Highly Rich 5-11-0 MW Missrion
7 1P3/PP Miles MORE PUN 33 (C.S) (M High M Hill 10-11-0 R Wildows (5)
3 02-322 SUK VESTMENTS 38 (BF) (Mrs J Dibbes) Miss V Wilkarsson

With Sh-1 Baby Lancaster 66-1 Miles More From.

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SILK VESTMENTS knote to have been found a witning opportunity by her shrewd handles

4.10 winning post restaurant novices chase

(£2,684: 3m 2l 110yd) (4 runners) 1 614-14 RUCH TYCOON 46 (BF,S) (P Rich) P Rich 10-12-0 M Griffelts (5) [23 3-f121 ATANISTIC 21 (6.5) (Mr. J Emery, A Staple & E Morts) P Rights 7-11-7. R Durmoody - 3 D1-FF CHRISTICHERGH 25 (6) (D Breen) J 5 Moore 9-11-7 J Magne 4 033224 DARNE CHANCE 5 (6.5) (M Charles) M Charles 11-11-7 J Mr J D Moore (7) 90 BETTING: 11-8 Checachusch, 7-4 Alzvistic, 3-1 Rich Tycoon, 16-1 Divine Chance

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ATAVISTIC makes the sameh to chaston in tine heart and should provaid with a clear round

4.40 IRISH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

BETTRIG: 5-2 loss Dann, 11-4 Degant Storm, 3-1 High Low, 4-1 Glacest Missile, 12-1 Cacad Cymru, 15-1 Head Court, 50-1 Karach

Court, 50-1 Keadin

Distant Storm 54-1 àrd of 7 to Vent D'Acud in bondrao haudle at Taumon

(2m 11, heavy), préndussy 14-1 2nd of 4 to Topanga in handrao haudle at

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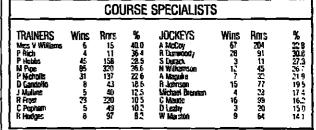
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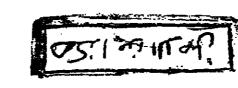
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Leicester lost

THE meeting scheduled for Leicester today was abandoned yesterday after the hurdles course was found to be waterlogged. The fixture is the 24th this season to be lost





### Oliver Holt, football correspondent, welcomes the departure of a flawed England coach

crocodile tears, nor for crowing, but in the case of the departure of Glenn Hoddle from his job as the England coach last night there is some cause for rejoicing. Hoddle's bizarre spiritual

tenets often seemed to make the national team a laughing stock and his management style made training at Bisham Abbey before international duty, in the words of one bewildered player, "like joining the Moonies". Matters were not improved by his association with Eileen Drewery, a former

pub landlady. But controversial though their views were, none of these faults would have produced the overwhelming sense of relief that most England supporters must feel today. They should rejoice not because they are rid of a man who often seemed

arrogant, but because England are rid of a manager who was wasting the best genera-tion of footballers this country has produced since 1970.

Optimism should be everywhere. England have worldclass players such as Michael Owen, David Beckham, Sol Campbell and Rio Ferdinand established in the FA Carling Premiership. A battery of new players - including Wes Brown, Gareth Barry and Joe Cole - is coming through and they play with almost alarm-

ing precocity.
If Terry Venables had remained in charge — and many

his is not a time for of the players spoke wistfully of his days at the helm - he would surely have built on the progress that England made before and during the 1996 European championship and turned the team into genuine contenders for the World Cup in France last summer.

It was England's misfortune that Hoddle seemed to panic during the World Cup finals. He had a potent mix of youth and experience, players such as Paul Ince, Tony Adams and Alan Shearer, to anchor the stellar talents of Owen. Beckham and Campbell. His misuse of them and his obsession with his own im-

age was agonising <sup>6</sup> At least to watch. The dismissal of Beckharn in the secthere is ond-round match against Argentina a chance in St Etienne al-lowed Hoddle to de-flect the blame for of success England's early now 9 exit on to a man whom he had treat-

abominably throughout the tournament. In fact, it was Hoddle's capriciousness, his treatment of the Manchester United midfield player in training on the very day of the Argentina game, that contributed to Beckham's fragile state of mind that

It was Hoddle's questionable judgment that made him nersevere with Teddy Sheringham as a partner for Shearer when it was achingly obvious that Owen was the better choice. That error probably cost England victory against Romania and condemned the side to the early meeting with



Good times: Hoddle is embraced by Ian Wright after England had qualified for the World Cup finals with a famous draw against Italy in Rome. Photographs: Marc Aspland

Batistuta and Gabriel

Yet Hoddle returned from France as if he had won the World Cup, not masterminded a knockout at the same stage as Paraguay. His conceit seemed actually to grow, but, by now, the players were beginning to become uneasy.

Ferdinand, the most creative defender that England have had since Bobby Moore, is thought to have suffered grievously in this respect. Defenders, in particular, found themselves the butt of Hoddle's criticism. Graeme Le Saux was made to carry the

AS A player, Glenn Hoddle was blessed with sublime

touch and control, his feet as cloquent as any in football.

As a man and a manager, Hoddle has never been able to exercise the same control

tant, his image.

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Terry Venables	(1994-96)	23	11	11	1	35	13
Graham Taylor	(1990-93)	38	18	13	7	62	32
Bobby Robson	(1982-90)	95	47	30	18	154	60
Ron Greenwood	(1977-82)	55	33	12	10	93	40

can for the defeat against Romania. Campbell for the qualifving loss to Italy at Wembley. Both kept their counsel in public and seethed in private. By the time that England

went to Sweden to start their

European championship quali-

fying campaign at the begin-ning of September, the players' faith in the manager had ebbed away and suddenly a side that could have won the World Cup with the right guidance was playing like a pub

Hoddle in public, but, in private, several senior players vere vociferous.

Even if Hoddle had not regaled us with his views on reincarnation, that situation could only have worsened. Morale was so low that England would have been highly vul-Wembley at the end of next month. Defeat then, and their hopes of qualifying for the finals of the European champi-onship would have been all but over. It will still be an uphill struggle, but at least there is a chance of success now. Hoddle would not have

turned things around. He thought he was enlightening with his views, but his players were not impressed. In his last clutch of games - the draw against Bulgaria and the stuttering win over Luxembourg - they seemed hardly able to bring themselves to play for

Nor did he surround himself with the kind of staff members who might have told him

when he was wrong.

He has gone now and the energy and the guilt that many of us felt in criticising his England can, at last, be put





Bad times: Beckham is dismissed against Argentina and Hoddle and England bow out of France 98

# The gifts, glory and the gaffes

### over his life or, more impor-**HODDLE'S LIFE AND TIMES**

Perhaps, as he might see it, it was his destiny never to fulfil completely the promand their parents alike. The ise he showed, first as a player with Tottenham Hotspur, later as a manager whose coaching skills seemed heavlife with his wife, Christine, and three children. A move en sent to an England team to AS Monaco, coached by crying out for the leadership to elevate them to a place Arsene Wenger, identified him as the cosmopolitan ong the clite. sophisticate, able to adapt -So who is Glenn Hoddle, unlike so many English footballers — to life abroad.

and how did his career spiral out of control at such giddy rate? The man: Born in 1957 in Hayes. Middlesex, Hoddle was immersed in foofball as a child

and signed for Spurs as an apprentice in 1974. A year ater he turned professional and seemed destined for a gilded career. Clean-cut, polite and with extravagant skill, he was idolised by lans

age was cemented with

The player: Hoddle became established as one of the best midfield players in Europe, scoring on his debut for Spars in 1976 and also for England in 1979, against Bulgaria. He twice won the FA Cup-with Spurs and played his last match for them in the 1987 FA Cup Final, losing to Coventry City, before moving to Monaco, where he

career never initiled its potential. He was often seen as a luminy that the team could not afford.

The manager Joined Swindon Town as player manager in 1991, taking them to the Premier League within two years, He was lared to Chelsea by Ken Bates, taking them to the 1994 Cap Final before the was sured to Chelsea by Ken Controversy continued to Bates, taking them to the dog the England coach 1994 Cup Final before the when details of an alleged for with Alan Sharer over after the departure of Terry the teams tacked in a way Vennbles. A successful start against Linear bears saw England on alife for the teams tacked in a way vennbles. vanames: A successful start against Linesubburg sur-saw England quality for the faced in October: But that 1998 World Cup finals with was just the precursor to his a 0-0 draw against Italy in remarks last week and the Rome, but they went out in farore that followed. the second round after a

troubled tournament that

ship with Elicca Drewer his credibility with the media. He was accused of betraying his players when he published his players when diary later sepalised in The

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## Robson thwarted as Juninho stays put

theatre, stepping out at the Riverside Stadium to a backdrop of Latin drums and screaming children, as if Middlesbrough could not quite grasp that the fantasy was real (George Caulkin writes). The only nod to the artistic world last night was old-fashioned British farce, as Juninho's proposed £10.5 million return to the FA Carling Premiership club collapsed in confusion and acrimony.

The upshot — only hours after Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, had gone so far as to discuss fielding his former player within "a couple of weeks" — is that the Brazil international will be remaining at his present club, Atlético Madrid, at least until the summer. The precise reasons for such a significant turnabout appear to centre on Juninho's fragile state of mind. "I'm very confused," he said. "One minute I'm staying, the next I'm going." He confirmed he would not be

HIS original signing had been pure leaving Spain until the end of the season, but his long-term future is no

On the face of it, Juninho, who left Middlesbrough for Madrid in a £12.5 million deal two years ago, has good cause to be bewildered. Arrigo Sacchi, the Atletico coach, told Juninho that he played no part in his plans and has been content to leave him on the substitutes' bench for much of the season -only to insist last week "I want him to stay". By then, Juninho had been in negotiation with Middlesbrough as well as Aston Villa. Both clubs thought they had secured his services.

Oxford United, the Nationwide League division one club struggling to stay afloat financially, have been given a boost. Firoz Kassam, a wealthy hotelier, will provide £1 million to buy the club after the resignation yesterday of Keith Cox, the managing director giving them a lifeline until at least March 31.

## Platt is left floored by Sampdoria's obstacles

THE long hours of Lancaster Gate indecision yesterday were more than enough for another son of England's managerial carousel. David Platt. to pack his bags and come home (Rob Hughes writes). At 32, and barely two months into his job as coach to the Italian club. Sampdoria, Platt decided the struggle was foo unequal.

The sudden elevation of Platt to management in Serie A was ludicrous. He may have spent months after finishing his playing days with Arsenal studying all the things that make a coach. But he had neither licence nor experience, and the brotherhood of Italy's coaches refused to allow him to break their code that says the proof of management is sacrosanci.

One hopes he came out of it with plenty of lire, because it was Sampdo-ria's error, not his, to offer a 21-year contract to an unqualified young man. That error, perpetrated by Enrico Mantovani, suggests that in Genoa

the son is not as worldly wise as the father. The late Paolo Mantovani had been a remarkable figure, a self-made billionaire in oil and shipping, and a football lover who had nursed his beloved Sampdoria from the third division to a place in Europe. When Enrico Mantovani saw this status threat-ened, he panicked, or he dreamt.

He hired Platt, who was forbidden to be called coach, who was not allowed on the touchline or the bench. and who attempted for six unfortunate games to instil whatever he knows about football, into players too close to him in age, by remote control. Samp-doria sagged, and yesterday Platt ad-mitted: "I could have done with fewer obstacles in my way. I sensed that the bureaucratic problems were going to get worse, and because of my affection for Sampdoria, I felt that the best solution would be to make a swift decision and enable a qualified Italian coach to be appointed immediately."



# Bodenham takes charge



Hadden, of Ardingly, brings down Nasrallah and concedes what turned out to be the decisive penalty

# competition for independent

schools. His last showpiece appointment was the Coca-Cola Cup final between Middles-By MEL WEBB brough and Leicester City at Wembley in 1997; an occasion to remember though that must FROM the Santiago Bernebéu Stadium to a schools playing-field in the outer suburbs of have been, the presence of 800 baying schoolboys on the touchline produced more than London: this was the culture shock to end them all. Once the odd frisson down the backone of England's most highly bone in this game, too. respected referees, Martin Bodenham, who retired from Hampton climbed into their

Dunthorpe Cup, the national

task with some relish from the big-time football at the end of very early stages and shook Ardingly by taking the lead after ten minutes. Stone last season, yesterday trod an infinitely humbler stage, but little he did in a distinguished sparked things off with a weaving run, the Ardingly career could have put him in touch with more passion than was abroad on this day, defence dithered fatally and Naidu poked the ball across Bodenham was at Hampton the face of the goal for Sexton School to take charge of the to move in unopposed and semi-final of the Boodle and turn the ball past a hopelessly

exposed Poweli.

Stone made it two with a penalty five minutes after the break, after Hadden had brought Nasraliah down. Paradoxically, the goal brought out the best in Ardingly, who laid seige on Hampton for the rest of the game, but, with Comber outstanding in the latter stages, the home side held out

Hampton will play in their first Boodle and Dunthorne final against Wolverhampton Grammar School, who beat Repton on penalties after a 3-3 draw after extra time last week. HAMPTON (4-2): J Comber — R Dison.
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**OLYMPIC GAMES** 

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# McRae criticises Ford after losing points



COLIN McRAE described as a "kick in the guts" the decision yesterday by the FIA, motor sport's governing body, to exclude him and his Ford team from third place in the Monte

Carlo Rally last month. The Ford team took part in the rally under appeal after the water pump on their new Focus car was considered to be illegal by technical experts just hours before the start. At the appeal hearing in Paris yesterday, the four drivers' and manufacturers' points that the team scored for an unexpected podium position were annulled.

"I am gutted," McRae said last night. "I am definitely not happy about the situation and I am very disappointed to lose the four points from Monte after a great drive. This whole situation is not acceptable. There has been a major mistake made by the engineers and it is a kick in the guts, after all the effort I have put in, to have it all taken away."

Although Ford and McRae have had their points taken away, they escaped without an expected fine of around £400,000. The FIA judged that the team had not tried to cheat and did not deserve to be fined. The team will have to pay court costs, however, which are expected to be around £100,000.

"We believed there was a loophole in the regulations and went for it." Martin Whitaker, Ford's director of European motorsport, said, "All the time we believed the design of the water pump was within the regulations. Of course, like Colin, we are disappointed. But since Monte Carlo we have been working on a solution. We have a solution, but before Sweden next week we must fine-tune it." Although Ford have a stop-gap

pump ready for the start of the

By JEREMY HART

second round of the world champion ship in Karlstad, they are still hoping for a change in the sports regulations. The teams and the FIA technical working group will meet in Paris tomorrow and Friday. If Ford can persuade the rest of the teams to support the use of unlimited water pumps then they will be able to

continue using their modified unit. 'We accept the decision of the FIA." Whitaker said. "But the final conclusion will only be made at the meetings later this week. It is still our intention to lobby the other manufacturers to change the regulations and allow the freedom of water pumps."

McRae surprised observers during the rally by recording the fastest times on four of the special stages in finishing third behind Tommi Makinen, the world champion, and Juha Kankkunen. Ford denied that the pump gave their new car added performance in its debut event. Most of their rivals disagreed, however, "We are unhappy about the regulations being changed," a Toyota spokesman said, "It is for the FIA to decide finally. Of course, it would not be good for the sport if Ford are not in, but it would be more damaging if they run with what appears to be an illegal

If the teams reject Ford's advances and their new car is not allowed to compete, the team will have to revert to their standard water pump in Sweden. With a 300-horsepower engine and a pump designed to cope with a third as much power, the union could be short-lived. "We will be in Sweden and confident of doing well." Whitaker said. "Our engineers are busy working on the solution for the pump and we will run the rally regardless."

For McRae, the disappointment of driving a car that is likely to be severely slowed by a standard water pump, is a far cry from the enthusiasm he showed for the Focus on its launch. "I am disappointed in Ford and M-Sport [the team's preparation company run by Malcolm Wilson, the former British champion)," McRae said. "It is not acceptable. This should have been a simple homologation issue."

Despite the attack on the apparent mistakes made by Ford. McRae has no regrets about leaving Subaru (for whom he won a world title in 1995) for the much-hyped and rejuvenated

"It was the right decision but you don't think about things like that, do you?" McRae said. "But now we must come back and be successful again. I just don't know at the moment when that will be."

### appeals for IOC reform FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN LAUSANNE

TONY BANKS, the Minister for Sport, strongly criticised the Olympic movement yesterday, attacking its lack of democracy and saying that the British Government expected it to "clean up its act". Banks urged the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to reform itself, saving that it did not have the "sort of structure" for the 21st century. Barry McCaffrey, director

of the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the United States, also urged the IOC to become a democratic and accountable public institution. He said: "Its procedures must be based on open books and records, open and recorded votes on issues and an elected membership that is accounta-ble to the athletes and commumity of nations."

The views of Banks and McCaffrey, in their addresses to hundreds of other leading figures in international sport here at the world conference on doping, will increase the pressure on Juan Antonio Samaranch to resign as the IOC president. After 19 years in the post. Samaranch will ask for a vote of confidence from his fellow members at an extraordinary IOC session

on March 17 and 18. During his six-minute speech, Banks said: "There is now no room for a cosmetic exercise on the issue of doping. The reputation of the IOC is once again on the line."

He added that the IOC had called for a special regime for sport "However, international sports bodies have responsi-bilities as well as rights." he said. "Their internal systems of organisation and election must be based on democracy. accountability and honesty. We cannot even consider a special regime for sport

unless these basic requirements are met." Banks said later that he believed there was no substitute for elections, although it was not clear who would do the voting and who would be eligible to become an IOC member. At the moment the 112-member IOC is a self-electing oligarchy.

The IOC and Samaranch, in particular, have come under fire because of the "votes for favours" scandal. ten days ago and five others were recommended for expulsion over the vote for Salt Lake City to stage the 2002

CRICKET

# Taylor declares to join ranks of Test match greats

Michael Henderson hears one of Australia's favourite sporting sons end his international career at the top

ONE of the truly great careers ended yesterday when Mark Taylor, the captain of Australia, announced his retirement from international cricket. It was not a startling revelation. Taylor, 34, had intimated that he was approaching the end, but his formal disclosure will give the Australian Cricket Board something to mull over before it appoints a successor.

"I have always thought that nobody is bigger than the game." Taylor said. "I made this decision from a playing point of view. I have felt that since Adelaide (where Australia retained the Ashes) I have lost the urge to play Test cricket, and if I have lost that then I don't have the right to be in the side." Australia go to the West Indies for a four-Test tour later

am quite happy," Taylor said. "I achieved more than I thought I ever would, as a player and a captain. I loved playing the game, made a lot of friends and would like to stay around it, to see how other people go." Taylor, who has already worked as a television commariser, can expect a lot more work in that quarter.

At face value his record is outstanding. Since he took over the leadership of a winning team in September 1994 it has grown steadily stronger. He lost his first series, in Pakistan, but then led Australia to victory in the West Indies, South Africa, England and, last autumn, Pakistan. Only Clive Lloyd, the captain of the all-powerful West Indies team in the 1980s, has beaten so

many opponents overseas. On a personal level, Taylor also passed with distinction. Allan Border, his predecessor. is the only Australian batsman to have made more than his 7.525 runs. That aggregate includes 19 hundreds, made against every Test-playing country except Zimbabwe, and no fewer than six against England. No compatriot, not even Bradman, has surpassed the 334 not out he made against Pakistan last October. At a slip fielder he is one of the greatest in the game's history. In what turned out to be his final Test, against England at

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Sydney — his home ground — last month, he held his 157th catch to establish a Test record, overtaking the one that Border had set. He snaffled most of them at first slip.

He led Australia in 50 of his 104 Tests, winning 26 of them. and lost series only in Pakistan and India. Under his captaincy Australia moved far ahead of the pack, playing winning cricket in an attractive way. He has been as good as his word, because he leaves a better team than the one he in-



6 I have gained more from the game than I have given to it?

herited. He is proud of his achievements and yet he emphasised that the game had given him so much. "I have gained more from cricket than have given to it," he said. Last week he was named Australian of the Year, an honour that does not fall off any old

gum-tree. That is not quite the full story. Australia were a pretty brazen team when he took over and, although nobody would mistake them for a choir of angels, there is less undecorous behaviour these days. Nor has the change diminished their effectiveness. In the past six months they have won in Pakistan without Shane Warne, their great match-winning wrist spinner, and defeated England when Warne played only one Test. It is an immensely strong and well-balanced side.

His reputation acquired stratospheric heights when he equalled Bradman's 334 and declared. Nobody can begrudge him a farthing because he is transparently honest, selfless and committed to the game. That was never more apparent than in England two summers ago, when he began the tour under the darkest of clouds and ended it in clover. As player and captain he featured in six series against Eng-land and won the lot, but the 1997 triumph was the sweetest.

Australia were in peril at the beginning of that rubber. They had lost all three one-day internationals and their captain could not buy a run anywhere. When he failed in the first innings at Edgbaston he was as close to falling on his sword as a captain can be.
Instead he gritted his teeth.

made a hundred and, although Australia lost the match, his players gathered confidence from his example that enabled them to win the series hands down. It was the innings of fortitude by a man blessed with a noble character. Ahead even of that 334 not out, it will be his testimonial. Australia now have a tick-

lish problem: who succeeds him? Steve Waugh is the favourite, though Warne has shown real flair in leading the one-day team. Mark Waugh also has his admirers. Taylor would not be drawn on the matter. He rates them all and thinks any one of them would do a good job.

They have all learnt from him and could not have wished for a better mentor. "I have never been much into grandstanding." he said yesterday. "I don't see myself as anvthing special." Good. It makes it easier for others to say it on his behalf. Taylor's career is an example that modesty and high talent are not mutually exclusive; that it is possible to succeed without resorting to vainglory, and to make a perceptible contribution to a team, and a game, by remaining its servant.



Gitsham, left, from Somerset, and Geraint Bowers, from Glamorgan, have been chosen to spend a month in Australia, where they will be coached by Terry Jenner (Ivo Tennant writes). This has been made possimorial Trust. The Trust, which was set up in memory of the late commentator, will be spending £6,000 on Gitsham and Bowers, who were chosen from 300 candidates. They will be coached for nine hours a day at the Australian Academy under the supervision of Jenner, who has worked closely with Shane Warne, the Australia leg spinner. and Ian Salisbury, the England player. This initiative will continue each year in conjunc-

Board. First-class counties nominate leg spinners once they are II years old and coaching sessions are then held at four regional centres. Gitsham has played for Somerset second XI and Bowers captained Australia for coaching in mid-April - with the blessing of their headmasters - after a fortnight of cricket with their schools in Barbados. Watching them in the indoor school at Lord's yesterday was Robin Hobbs, the former Essex and England leg spinner, who said how important it was that pitches should be prepared by groundsmen with spinners in mind. "We should be playing on uncovered surfaces," he said.

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in trouble as Thomas hits form

FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS

**Zimbabwe** 

HARARE (first day of five; England A won toss): Zimbabwe A have scored 63 for five wickets against England Á

ENGLAND A were given only 23 overs to make an impression on the opening day of the first "Test" in Harare, yet captured five Zimbabwe A vickets. Darren Thomas and Melvyn Betts combined effectively to run through the home side's top order. Helped by two exceptional catches by Graeme Swann and one significant dose of good fortune, England have Zimba-

bwe reeling at 63 for five. With Michael Vaughan inserting the opposition after a delayed start through rain, Betts made an early break-through. When Thomas was given his chance, two of his first three balls were driven to the boundary. Shortly after came the

stroke of luck. Craig Wishart treading on his leg stump when setting off for a single Thomas followed that by getting one to lift and leave Dirk Viljoen for Chris Read to take his second catch. The dismissal of the day came when Whittall drove at Betts only for Swann to grasp a one-handed catch. Thomas finished with the dismissal of Donald Campbell, also caught by Swann.

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Winter Olympics. Britain is renowned for its rigorous anti-doping practices and Banks said: "We are not prepared to lower our

### Logan cements recovery NEW PLYMOUTH (first day FROM JOHN STERN

of four; England Under-19 won toss): New Zealand Under-19, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 273 runs behind England Under-19

ENGLAND Under-19 ended the opening day of the threematch series against New Zealand in a happier frame of mind after appearing to have wasted their opportunities.

Having won the toss on a good pitch, they made a solid start, lost the middle order in the blink of an eye, then IN NEW PLYMOUTH

recovered superbly with two late-order partnerships. Reaching 285 from the dire position of 115 for six was relief enough, but two quick wickets with the new ball, including that of Jarrod Englefield, the New Zealand captain, gave way to

unexpected joy.
The day belonged to Richard Logan, a seam bowler from Northamptonshire, who played despite the death of his mother on the eve of the match.

tacking of and his partnership of 83 for the final wicket with Mark Wallace, the 16-year-old wicketkeeper, took England to respectability after Richard Dawson, who scored o7, and Joe Tucker, with whom he shared a partnership of 72 for the seventh wicket, built the

first stage of the recovery.

han had Tim McIntosh caught at slip in his first over and Matt Bulbeck produced a yorker that swung in to trap Englefield leg-be-

RASKETBALL: Derby Storm have suspended Yorick Williams, the England international who was allegedly at the centre of the brawl that caused their Budweiser League match with Chester Jets to be abandoned after 28 seconds on Sunday (Nicholas Harling writes). The ban will be lifted when Derby know the results of a joint inquiry held by the league and the English Basketball Association.

Bowls: England defeated

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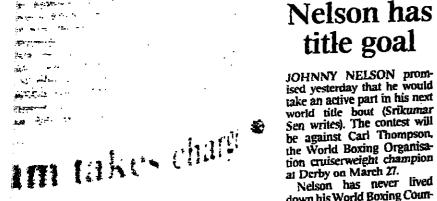
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tion cruiserweight champion at Derby on March 27. Nelson has never lived down his World Boxing Council title challenge against Carlos De Leon nine years ago. The bout ended in a draw with neither boxer landing a good punch. Now, 23 contests

later. Nelson intends to put an end to all the jokes. He said: This fight will be voted the best of 1999. If Carl tries to box. he will be humiliated: if he tries to run after me, he will be humiliated; if he tries to chase me, he will be humiliated; if he tries to fight

me, he'll get annihilated." Thompson, from Manchester, said: 'I believe Johnny Nelson has changed I am training for the new Johnny Nelson, he's at his peak."

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NEW PLYMOUTH: New Zealand Under-19 v England Under-19: England First immigs. 285 (I N Flanagan 53, R K J Dawson 67, R J Logan 61, Shaw 5-49) New Zealand, First immigs 12-2

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FOOTBALL

Monday's late results
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ICE HOCKEY

NATTIONAL LEAGUE (MHL): New Jorsey

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Third round: Oldfram 26 Eccles 7. SQUASH

MANCHESTER: Business Pages Na-tional Championships: Nen's first qual-ifying rounds C Ryder (Herts) bt M Gib-son (Lincs) 15-7, 11-15, 15-8, 15-10, N Mathew (Yorks) bt R Cook (Lancs) 15-6, 15-4, 15-1; J Willstrop (Yorks) bt J Nardelii

(Middleseq 15-12, 15-8, 15-12; C Ewris (Corest) bt P Welfams (Notts) 15-12, 15-11, 15-9; E McAlpine (Surrey) bt G Olby (North) 15-13, 15-6, 15-14, N Gurrey (Yorks) bt D Parte (Lancs) 15-10, 15-9, 12-15, 15-9; B Garner (Surrey) bt A Learoyd (Yorks) 15-6, 15-3, 15-14, J Rob-bins (North) bt P D Johnson (Berks) 15-10, 15-7, 15-3, A Steverson (Yorks) bt P Bil-son (Lancs) 15-9, 15-12, 15-11, S Townsend (Warks) bt D Weights (Essed) 15-9, 15-2, 15-5; Y Abbas (D & C) bt A Spealottan (Cheshire) 15-6, 15-6, 15-5, A Whilep (Cheshire) bt J Power (Lancs) 15-11, 8-15, 15-10, 17-15, M Thorpe (Yorks) bt A State (Glos) 15-13, 11-15, 15-5, 15-9; L Jertmett (Essed) bt P Hotts-by (Lincs) 15-5, 15-11, 7-15, 15-12; N Well (Yorks) bt P Astoury (Cheshire) 15-9, 15-11, 15-10, A Grant (Kent) bt L Rawlins **TODAY'S FIXTURES** 

(Worcs) 15-6, 12-15, 15-7, 15-11, D Brati-bury (Warks) bir C Galirmore (Lancs) 15-9, 15-8, 15-9, P Fosser (Inf) bir Howerd (Suf-fork) 15-9, 5-6, 15-12, S Pickenny (Chest-ore) bit N Chambers (Dorsel) 12-16, 15-15-9, 17-16, D Waish, Notish bit G Ragoto (Lancs) 15-13, 12-15, 15-8, 15-6, P Barker (Essee) bit K Whise (Derby) 15-5, 15-7, 15-12, B Hackerman (Derby) bit S Khan (Suffolis) 15-12, 13-15, 15-11, 15-11; L Drew (Essex) bit C Galland (North) 15-5, 15-8, 15-9

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Yacas, (C2) 6-2, 6-3.

TOKYO, Japan: Pan Pacific Open: First round: A Coeter (SA) or M Sema (Spa) 6-2, 6-1, L Raymond (US) bi S Pischie (Ausna) 6-1, 6-2 E Callers (Bel) bi K Po (US) 6-3, 6-1, A Sugiyama (Jepan) bi W Shi-Img (Tapen) 6-2, 6-3, A Kournikova (Russ) bi A Huber (Ger) 7-6, 6-0, S Prisowsto (Fr) bi L Nelland (Latvie) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, C Black (Zm) bi J Haland-Docurs (Fr) 6-2, 6-1, N Zweleva (Bul) bi T Snyder (US) 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.

**SPORT IN BRIEF** 

Australia 2-1 in the first of three international matches at the Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club, near Sydney, yesterday. The victory silenced critics, who suggested that the selectors had sent a below-strength squad (David Rhys Jones writes).

RUGBY LEAGUE: Darren Turner, the Sheffield Eagles forward, has been suspended for one match and fined £100 for a high tackle on Tony Kemp, the Wakefield Trinity stand-off, which led to his dismissal last Friday. He will be free to play in the fourth round of the Silk Cut

### Former England captain makes surprise return to rugby union

# Harlequins lure back Carling

By Mark Souster

RUGBY has demonstrated a breathtaking ability to raise eyebrows this season, but none quite matched the news of Will Carling's reincarnation as a Harlequins player. Thirteen months after he walked away from the game after falling out with the then coach in a disagreement over his attitude and commitment. Carling walked back into the club yesterday to complete what he described as unfinished business.

In front of the assembled media at the Stoop Memorial Ground, his second home, Carling, 33, denied that personal circumstances, or his complicated private life, had forced his hand and that he was returning for the money. "If I was coming back for money I would have taken one of the other offers," he said. "Money is not the reason I have come back. Whether people believe it or not is up to

He has signed a full-time agreement initially until the end of the season which, reports suggest, could be worth £50,000 for the club's ten remaining Allied Dunbar Premiership games. Thereaf-ter, his future is in the lap of the gods. When he makes his return to the No 13 shirt is anybody's guess, but it could be as soon as next week, against Gloucester at Kingsholm.

So, if not for the cash, why is he doing it? What have he and Harlequins got to gain from an initiative that both parties denied was a gimmick or a publicity stunt? Surely he will be on a hiding to nothing? Sport is littered with sad images of men and women who could not resist one last tilt and who subsequently were made to look fools. He was adamant this was not about recapturing past glories, but about missing Harlequins, the game, the camaraderie, being one of the

The last few months have been the loneliest of Carling's

WELSH rugby faces domestic chaos

next season, even while the cream of

the world game contests a World Cup

tournament hosted by Wales. Leading

administrators acknowledged yester-

day that, having rejected the latest

English proposals for a British league

described as "paltry" by Graham

Henry, the national coach — they

could turn only to some form of Celtic

league or rely on their own resources.

At a special meeting on Monday

night, the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU)

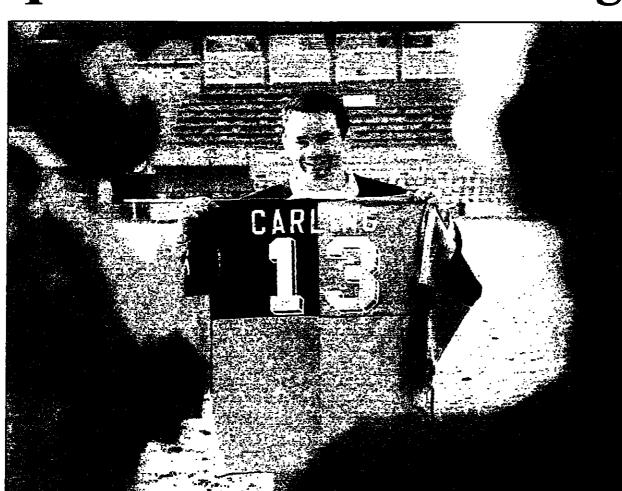
general committee refused to contem-

plate a competition that limited it to

five participants and left Scotland iso-

lated altogether. The union is no near-

er a rapprochement with Cardiff and



Focus of attention: Carling shows his Harlequins shirt to the media at the Stoop yesterday. Photograph: Ben Gurr

overnight. Captain Fantastic to social pariah. This, in a way, is the beginning of the rehabilitation process.

Dressed in a pink shirt and jeans, Carling seemed relatively relaxed, given his loathing for public appearances. He bristled only slightly when confronted with questions about his private life and whether he felt the need to rebuild his tarnished image. This was about rugby, he said. "I have been completely open. I have said my bit about my private life." He also wants to rebuild his

relationship with Harlequins. The former England captain. who played the last of his 152 games for the club on Decemlife as everything about him ber 27 1997, against London collapsed. From hero to zero Irish, decided, during a flight

Swansea, the breakaway clubs, and

the latter will be served with a writ this

week requiring the return of a loan

Both clubs could be suspended from

membership of the WRU at the end of

this month for non-payment of fines

imposed for playing unauthorised games with English opponents this

season. That, in turn, could create

problems for Henry, nine of whose

squad for the international on Satur-

day with Scotland are drawn from

those two clubs; the WRU claims it has

primacy of contract with the players,

but the clubs may contest that.

worth nearly £1 million.

to Tokyo last month, that the time was right to accept the blandishments of Zinzan Brooke, the Harlequins director of rugby. Doubts about his

sonality clash with Andy Keast, the former coach. Carling was halfway through a three-year contract worth £125,000 a year. Now the new fitness evaporated when he underwent a series of rigorous bring out the best of the devel-

### 'Money is not the reason that I have decided to come back'

tests in Japan while on business. In his retirement he had only "ticked over" as far as his fitness was concerned, but lost 26lb anyway. Training yesterday demonstrated that his

Wales seek Celtic compensation

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

oping talent at The Stoop. In short, he feels wanted again, and where better than in the comforting bosom of the club he first joined in 1986? "There is a bit of unfinished

asic skills remain.

When he retired after a perwith Harlequins to end on a

"The [English] proposals for a Brit-

ish league would not have achieved

the objective for northern-hemisphere

football," Henry said. "I hope com-

mon sense and logic will prevail. The

offer was a very paltry one. The agree-

ment has to be beneficial to all and

Allied Dunbar, the sponsor of the

English Premiership, confirmed its in-

terest in a cross-border competition in

future seasons, if not next, and Glan-

more Griffiths, the chairman of the

WRU, said that a Celtic league was fea-

sible for next season. However, the

Irish already have a structure that

not in the main to one."

positive note, get things back on an even keel here and help Harlequins into Europe." Carling, who insisted he would not contemplate an international recall, said. He accepts he will be a target. "I am looking forward to taking a few hits. I do not see it will be a hiding to nothing." Carling said he first realised

that he might change his mind after the game against London Scottish on January 2. He went into the changing room, had a couple of beers and enjoyed the atmosphere. Brooke, Bernie McCahill, his assistant, and John Gallagher, the team manager, paid him a visit and he informed the club of his decision on Monday.

suits them; only the Scots are desperate for games for their leading clubs

and that would hardly improve the

quality of domestic rugby in Wales.

Serge Blanco, the president of the

French league, has confirmed that the

French will participate in the Europe-

an Cup next season. Blanco will hope

to persuade English clubs next

☐ Brian Kennedy, the investor who

emerged as a potential buyer for Lon-

don Scottish last week, yesterday admitted that he is now unlikely to take a

stake in the club. He did, however,

back up claims made by Tony Tiarks,

the club chairman, that another source

of finance for the club has been found

Wednesday to return to the event.

# War waged on Wall Street

Blood on the Carpet BBC2, 9.50pm

Nick Mirsky's film has a terrific tale to tell. It Nick Mirsky's film has a terrific tate to tell. It concerns Joseph Jett, a Cleveland kid turned hotshot trader who, he maintains, was made a scapegoat by a Wall Street institution. Kidder Peabody, a venerable investment bank, was acquired by Jack Welch, chairman of General Electric, when he decided to juice up GE's profits. In 1993, Jett's skill made KP some \$150 million but, the street was the following the part of the content of the co when the market changed the following year. Jett's productivity did not change commensurately. The young star was of course resented and, being black, was pretty conspicuous. When KP developed a serious accounting error, Jett was blamed for forward trading (don't ask). How KP handled the crisis and how Jett handled himself makes for grinning viewing.

Sex and the City

The pilot and the series opener of this new sitcom go out on Channel 4 back-to-back. It's quite sufficient to allow minds to be made up. From its '1960s-feel" theme music to its to-camera address. the show tries far too hard. Simultaneously diffuse and calculated, it deals with a circle of media/arts/ infotainment friends in New York, mostly women, centred on Carrie (the engaging Sarah Jessica Parker). Her work as a columnist grants her useful entree into various worlds. More wry than funny and conspicuously lacking a laughter track (for which many will be grateful), it dresses itself in post-Seinfeld f-words and snazzy juxtapositions. It may be a lot less narrow and woebegone than Ally McBeal but it can surely only have garnered a US audience on the coasts. I give it two series, tops.

Inside Story: Supergrass BBC1, 10.15pm

"I'm Charlie Potatoes of the supergrasses at the minute," says Darren Nicholls's mouth in big close-up. "Of all the ones in the system, I am the tops." Nicholls drove the car in which those convicted of the summary killing of three Essex drug- dealers approached their quarry. It was on his evidence that the case was brought. Now he and his family

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Sarah Jessica Parker stars in the new US import Sex and the City (Channel 4, 10pm)

live in hiding. It's tough on his tearful wife, also shot in facial fragments to blur her identity. DS Ivan Dibley, returning to the scene of the crime, reckons he believes Nicholls. The family of one of those convicted say that Nicholls has changed his story 26 times, an oddly exact number, but "We need him alive because he's the only evidence there is". Police protection is no picnic. The family live on the dole somewhere in Britain and never go out. In this at least, they are not unique. this at least, they are not unique.

Pierre Boulez: A Life in Seven Chapters BBC2, 11.15pm

Nifty titles by Mina Martinez set the tone for this portrait of the giant of modern music. Centred on a tour d'horizon interview conducted by the new Radio 3 Controller Roger Wright, it draws some pithy observation from Boulez and drops in some entiring archive material. The master's English is enticing archive material. The master's English is fluent, his manner thoughful and relaxed if ever so slightly wary. He talks well about his reworking instinct and draws a scrumptious analogy between his view of his work and the structure of the Guggenheim. He was bounced into conducting, to our great good luck (catch his recent CD of Schoenberg's Pierrot Lunaire) and has used the baton to take new music to new audiences. Acutely, he relates the notion of tradition to the habit of the processing. This is all so hereign up a loss to see mannerism. This is all so bracing, you long to see the uncut interview. W. Stephen Gilbert

The title of this series seemed a bit over the top when it first started, as if Radio 4's schedulers had been at the paint tin again. However, the reality of

Dr Michael O'Donnell's exploration of where modern drugs come from has more than lived up

to the hype and the series has been highly inform-

ative. Today O'Donnell looks at analgesics, the fancy word used by doctors to describe painkillers.

This subject provides a perfect excuse to talk about opium and cannabis, the latter very much in the

news of late as doctors begin experiments to see if cannabis in pill form could help people suffering with long-term illnesses. Work is also going on to see how the body's built-in painkillers can be harnessed.

Peter Barnard

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RADIO CHOICE Murder, Magic and Medicine

Radio 4, 11.00am

Afternoon Play: Portrait Radio 4, 2.15pm

The great prizes of the arts world have always been surrounded by drama and controversy and this play is about one of the more extraordinary examples of that reality. The setting is Sydney, Australia, in 1944 and William Dobell has just won the Archibald Prize for Portraiture. The winning portrait is a distorted but still recognisable image of Dobell's friend and fellow artist, Joshua Smith, who has himself come second in the competition. The row over the winning portrait — is it portrait or caricature? — divides the arts establishment and leads to a court case against the prize trustees which is to have a lasting effect on Smith (Paul English) and disastrous consequences for his friend-ship with Dobell, played by Richard Piper.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

8.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00pm Kevin Greening 2.00 Mark Raddille 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00
Dave Pearce 8.00 Steve Lamaco: The Evening Session 10.00
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RADIO 2 (BBC)

5.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 7.00 Nick Berractough 8.00 Mike Harding 9.00 The Andy Peebles Soul 5 Stow (11/13) 10.00 Top of the Pops 2 on 2. Steve Winght returns with another nine-part series 10.30 Richard Alfinson 12.00am Katrina Leskanich 3.00 Mo Dutta

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast with Julian Worricker and Victoria Derbyshire 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00pm The Midday News with Allan Robb 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive with Peter Allen and Jane Garvey 7.00 News Extray 7.30 John Inverdale's Football Night. Full coverage of the FA Cup fourth-round replays. Plus the National Lottery Draw 10.00 Littlejohn 11.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00em The Big Boys Breaklast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00pm Jacobs Justice 1.00 Anna Raebum 3.00 Peter Deeley 5.00 The SportZone 7.00 Off Side with Seb Coe 8.00 James Whate 1.00am Ian Collins and the Creatures of the Night

VIRGIN

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 9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday, Schubert (Piano Sonata in B, D575); Dvorak (String Sextet in A, Op 48); Glazunov (Symphony No 4 in E Rat)
 10.30 Artist of the Weeks Julia Varady
 11.00 Sound Stories: Clarks Richard Baker tells the

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### Ireland call on hero of Ulster

BY DAVID HANDS

DAVID HUMPHREYS has ridden the crest of his personal wave back into Ireland's side for the opening match of the Five Nations Championship, against France at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. The fly half, who captained Ulster to the European Cup last weekend, has overtaken the experiwin his twelfth cap.

Humphreys, who will also take over as goalkicker, is one

of five changes, one positional, from the side beaten by South Africa last November. Paul Wallace, the leading tighthead prop in the home unions, returns after injury. Peter Clohessy moves to loose-head. Malcolm O'Kelly's dislocated shoulder leads to the recall

damaging knee ligaments against Colomiers on Saturday. His place goes to Eric Miller. Bryan Rednath has withdrawn from the Scotland team to play Wales at Murrayfield. his place as scrum half and captain going to Gary

of Jeremy Davidson at lock but Andy Ward is out after

Armstrong. The Rugby Football Union has asked for reports from Lydney and Steve Lander, the referee, on incidents during the Tetley's Bitter Cup tie with Saracens during which Paddy Johns was grabbed by a spectator during a brawl.

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### WORD-WATCHING

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(c) A genus of Asian and Australian butterflies, found particularly in Sri Lanka and south China.

(c) The fracture resulting from a fall onto the outstretched hand. (a) A sticky orange substance. It was originally derived from egg

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Answers from page 35 **NITRIDING** 

**PANTOPORIA** 

volk, but is now taken from a variety of living tissue. It is a mixture of glycero-phospho-lipids and various fatty acids. It is used in the food, pharmaceutical, petroleum and paint industries.

. Qxel+! leads to a decisive material advantage as after 2, Rxel Nxf5: 3, Rxe8+ Rxe8, the mate threat means White has no time to defend his queen.

11.00 Sound Storles: Cleries Richard Baker lells the story of John Bunyan
12.00pm Composer of the Weelc Liszt
1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert FrancoisFrederic Guy, piano, live from the Adrian Boult
Hall, Birmingham Conservaloire. Braitins (Four Pieces, Op 119); Prokofiev (Piano Sonata No 8)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis and Vernon Handley, Peter Donohoe, piano Ravel (Valses Nobles et Sentimentales); Beethoven (Frano Concerto No 3 in C minor); Berfioz (Symphone Fanlastioue)

senumentales); Beethover, Iraho Concerto No 3 in C minor); Berlioz (Symphone Fantastique)
4.00 Choral Evensong Live from Rochester Cathedral 5.00 in Tune Arts news, previews and new releases with Sean Rafferty
7.45 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century)
From the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London London Sinforietta under George Benjamin, Valdina Anderson, soprano. Wolfgang Rihm (Gedrangte

Form, first UK performance) Gerard Grisey
(Quatre Chants pour Franchir le Seuil, first
performance) 8.30 Boulez's Lost Symphony.
Pierre Boulez talks to Brian Morton about the tost
symphony he composed in 1947 8.50 Concert,
part two. Pierre Boulez (Sur incises)
9.40 Postscript: Outriders Derek Balley (3/5)
10.00 Ensemble in the first of two programmes, Penny
Gore investigates how composers down the ages
have transcribed and reworked the music of their
predecessors

predecessors 10.45 Night Wayes Patrick Wright reviews a

10.45 Night Waves Patrick Winght reviews a retrospective of the paintings of Patrick Cauffield at the Hayward Gallery. London

11.30 Jazz, Notes The American bassist Bill Crow talks to Alyn Shipton about Stan Getz

12.00am Composer of the Weelc Tavener (r)

1.00 Through the Night Includes 1.00 Wolfigang Zerer, organ 2.05 Bruckner (Ave Maria: Christus lactus est: Locus iste) 2.30 Mozzat (Violin Concerto No 3 in G, K216) 3.00 Schools: Time and Tune 3.20 Together 3.40 Dance Workshop 4.00 The Song Tree 4.20 Scottish Resources

10-12 4.40 Talking Points 5.00 Soler (Fandango in D minor, R146) 5.20 Arriaga (Symphony In D major/minor)

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Rural issues, with Anna Hill
6.00 Today with John Humphrys and James Naughtie
8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 Mildweek with the Times columnist Libby Purves
9.45 (LW) Deily Service
9.45 (FM) Sertat: Best American Essays: One
Violent Crime Bruce Shapiro's tale of a seammaly motiveless kule attack in a coffee shop (3/5)
10.00 Woman's Hour Jenni Murray presents Helen
Minen's auto dary from South Alma
11.00 Murder, Magic and Medicine Michael O'Donnet
traces the development of analgesics. See Choice
11.30 Tomorrow at the Same Time A look at American
radio serials of the 1930s and 1940s, the

11.30 Tomorrow at the same I time A lous at Arterical radio serials of the 1930s and 1940s, the forerumers of modern television scaps (2/6) (r) 12.00pm (LW) News Headlines, Shipping Forecast 12.00 (FM) News 12.04 You and Yours Trace Rawinson and Mark Whittaker present consumer

Rawinson and Mark Whittaker present consumer news and investigations
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.30 Board Game Panetists Peter Day, Greg Dyke, Stove Punt and Justin Urquitant Stewent take part in the business quiz, chaired by Nigel Cassidy
2.00 The Archers (i)
2.15 Afternoon Play: Portrait by Michael Mundell, Whitam Dobell's prize-winning painting of a fellow artist rases the question: is it a portrait or a cancature? See Choice
3.00 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
3.30 The Speech Makers A 17-year-old boy visits a speech therapist to learn why his voice still heart broken (3/4)
3.45 This Sceptred late Arina Massey Aarrales the

croken (3/4)

3.45 This Sceptred late Anna Massey narrates the history behind the Magna Carta (r)

4.00 All in the Nilnd Professor Anthony Clare explores the limits of the human mind

4.30 Thinking Allowed with Laure Taylor and guests 5.00 PM Presented by Clare English and Chris Lowe 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Like They've Never Been Gone Mike Coleman's 6.30 Like They've Never Been Gone Mike Coleman's

6.30 Like They've Never Been Gone Mike Coleman's correctly, starring Roy Hudd and June Whitfield as a showbic couple who find farms again (f)
7.00 The Archers Sid embarks on a training regime
7.15 Front Row Presented by Mark Lawson
7.45 Speaking for Themselves: The Personal Letters of Winston and Clementine Churchill Broadcast earlier as part of Woman's Hour (f)
8.00 The Moral Mazze Michael Buerk presents topical debate, with Dawd Starkey, Jamet Daley, Ian Hargreaves and Dawd Cook
8.45 Gerry's Ber Geny Anderson introduces reflections on Irish life (f)
9.00 Frontiers News of exploding stars visible from a mountain top in Chile presents Peter Evans with an intriguing puzzle about the Big Bang theory

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10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Sound of Trumpets Fik

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Sound of Trumpets Filk Mayall reads part eight of John Mortimer's tale 11.00 Late Night on 4: Sean Lock's 15 Minutes of Misery The award-winning connectian Sean Lock presents his own brand of downbeat humour 11.15 For One Horrible Moment The final instalment of Peter Bradishaw's tale of a boy's journey into actatinood (5/5) 11.30 (FM) The Cheese Shop Presents: The Butter Factor Comedy sketches, with Gerard Foster, Dave Lamb, Gordon Southern, Tim Verrinder, Ben Ward and Richard Webb (r) 11.30 (LW) Today in Partiament 12.00am News 12.30 The Late Book: Lemona's Tale Written by Ken Saro-Wwa and read by Adjoa Andon (3/10) 12.49 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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# The curious urge to expose your failings

even two minutes in Ian Hinde's filthy flat (decorative style: IRA dirty protest) any more than you'd want to lick the seat on a Number II bus. The colonies of bacteria in lan's fridge have grown so large they now have their own postcode. If the makers of Coming Clean - The Truth About Housework (BBC2) announced that they had gathered this gruesome footage by filming secretly inside a British prison cell, there'd be calls for Jack Straw's resignation as Home Secretary.

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Jennifer Grimshaw, a retired London businesswoman who shares Ian's belief that cleanliness is next to fascism, had also been somehow persuaded to let the filmmakers past her front door. Jennifer would be Magritte's Surreal idea of a cleaning lady. "I don't wash up," she announced briskly, before she'd even introduced herself, "I do not scrub. I do not clean

the silver. I do not rinse my glass-es. I think housework is a mug's game." Behind her was an apartment that could have been interior-designed by very shrewd Neigbourhood Watch consultants: clothes, saucepans, cups, shoes were strewn randomly, as if to dupe a burglar into thinking that he'd been beaten to the scene by a rival thief who had already ransacked the place.

Then Vicky Keane, a student sharing a flat in Leeds with several other girls, said "I absolutely insist on an unmade bed," as if she were telling us primly that she always insists on the milk being poured into the cup after the tea. "I just can't see the point in making a bed, because 12 hours later it's going to be messed up right again and that is just a pure waste of time in my mind." Luckily we don't yet have Smell-O-Vision television, because presumably Vicky doesn't see any point in washing

she'd only have to wash herself all over again a few hours later (but does Vicky - knowing that she'll crave another Chinese meal half an hour after finishing the first one not bother squandering the effort involved in eating the first Chinese meal at all?), "It's all linked to the fact that I want to be a career girl." says Vicky, unironically, and I just haven't got time for clearing up. It's just girl power, really." If this is supposed to be a plug for girl power, let's assume the career Vicky's got in mind isn't public relations.

ven more baffling than trying to fathom why anypooy voluntarily chooses to live this way (unless they're on a fat re-tainer from researchers at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases to contract hitherto unknown bacterial infections) is trying to work out why anybody would agree to ex**REVIEW** Joe Joseph

pose their insanitary homes to such a huge audience. Jennifer Grimshaw told us: "I don't want people in my home. That shows too much of me, and if people come into my house I feel very defensive." So then why let the BBC's cameras in?

The same question nags you throughout Swingers (ITV), which was maybe straining just a little too hard to shock when it promot-

dares to question whether monogamy suil has a place in today's sociery", it was like those documentaries which dare to question (very loudly) whether the streets of Britain have become so lawless that we risk being felled in a drive-by shooting whenever we pop out to buy a newspaper before concluding (very quietly) that, um, actually no they haven't.

Andy and Fiona, the film's two main swingers, weren't even swinging by the end of it - not with each other at any rate: they were about to separate. Andy, who claimed to have such a high libido that it was one of his heavy burdens in life, was considerably keener on messing around with other women than his wife was on messing around with other men. Sometimes Andy secretly messed around with other women without telling Fiona - not because he and Fiona didn't have an honest open

relationship, or because she might get jealous, oh no; but because, as he explained, telling her would be like "bragging". This must be why Bill Clinton never mentioned anything about Monica Lewinsky to Hillary or to Kenneth Starr or to Congress for so long: the President didn't want to seem as if he was boasting about his sexual conquests, that's all.

hen Bob told us about his

wife's "S" days. On days when his wife. Sue, is wearing her special "S" on her necklace Bob can order her to perform any sexual whim - including picking up strange men on a Tube train and bringing them home for sex so that Bob can watch.

You see, when Sue's wearing the "S" on her necklace "she's my slave for the day. So 'S' is for slave. 'S' is for sex, 'S' is for Sue." Curiously. Bob never gets to wear a necklace bearing the letter "M" - as in

"M" for moron. Look, nobody minds what these people do, let alone cares. But why do they want us all to know?

Again, in Full Metal Backpack. last night's film for Channel 4's season of Short Stories, several drunk young Britons let them-selves be filmed as they made fools of themselves on holiday in Vietnam and Cambodia. Perhaps they didn't realise how they would come across in Dimitri Doganis's film: maybe they didn't care. A disillusioned young Scot lamented: this slightly disappointing to come all this way and still be yourself." So who was the self he so ached to be? Bruce Charwin? The Dalai Lama? No. Martin Sheen, in a Gl outfit, in Apocalypse Now. The Vietnamese were discreetly silent. It was only their eyes that said. "And Westerners bombed us because they thought their culture was superior to ours!"

### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (64319) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (33116) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (B341241) 9.45 The Vanessa Show (T) (4757116)

10.55 News; Weather (T) (6812680) 11.00 Real Rooms (6839357) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (6809116) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (1082203) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (88777)

12.30 Wipeout (5217785) 12.55 The Weather Show (T) (48555067) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (36203) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (47277135) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (25156390)

2.05 Ironside A stylish bank robbery appears to be the work of a known ex-con, but could there be a copycal at large? With Raymond Burr (r) (3203951)

2.55 Body Sples Two women cut their drinking sessions (5557241) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6470970) 3.45 Little Monsters (2340574) 3.50 ChuckleVision (5189086) 4.10 See It Saw n (3682680) 4.35 The Wild House (5242135) 5.00 Newsround (2782203)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (713002) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (96) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (48)



7.00 Airport Aeroflot supervisor Jeremy Spake receives a tempting offer, while Royal Suite manager Anta Newcourt faces a crisis (r) (T) (1845) 7.30 Dream House The learn struggle to get their 21st-century home ready for its new

occupants (T) (32) 8.00 Changing Rooms A Bolton woman swaps houses with her Mum for a spot of

radical redecorating (1) (9703) 8.30 Battersea Dogs' Home Staff at the famous kennels set about rehoming stray dogs (T) (380154)

8.50 The National Lottery: Amazing Luck Stories The story of a man and his lucky car which found its way home eight years after it was sold. Plus, live coverage of the mid-week draw (1) (259845) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News;

9.29 National Lottery Update (763999) 9.30 The X Files Mulder investigates an unsolved spate of murders dating back

to 1952 (T) (150339) 10.15 CHOICE Inside Story The former gelaway driver Darren Nicholis describes what prompted him to turn supergrass (3/5) (T) (583593)

11.10 Deadly Whispers (1994) Premiere.
Psychological thriller about a devoted ternity man whose world falls apart when he is implicated in the murder of his daughter. Tony Danza and Pamela Reed

star. Directed by Bill Norton (T) (400319) 12.40am Weather (7647568) 12.45 BBC News 24 (65079452)

BBC2 7.00am CBBC Breakfast Show: Tales of the Tooth Fairles (3508390) 7.05 Teletubbes (6426932) 7.30 Secret Squirrel and Co (6212999) 7.55 The Really Wild Show (6280390) 8.23 Rewind (9452338) 8.25 Taz-Mania (7396951) 8.45 Polka Dot Shorts (8676222) **8.50** Tales of the Tooth Fairies (3372512) **9.00** Images (9338195) **9.10** What? Where? When? Why? (5938339) **9.25** The Art (4193048) **9.45** (398339) 9.25 The Art (4193048) 9.45 Words and Pictures (1283425) 10.00 Teletubbes (24970) 10.30 Nurribertime (2280319) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (2278574) 11.00 Around Scotland (8519965) 11.20 11.00 Around Scotland (8519965) 11.20 The Geography Programme (8562951) 11.40 Science in Action (8970135) 12.00pm Revista (959512) 12.15 Hallo aus Berlin (7497777) 12.30 Working Lunch (45113) 1.00 Brum (94538357)

1.10 The Travel Hour Alsace (r) (9292319) 2.10 Sporting Greats (61348628)

2.40 News; Weather (T) (3600406) 2.45 Westminster (T) (2507932) 3.55 News; Weather (T) (6541864)

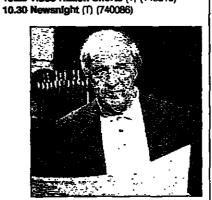
4.00 Turning Points The Marquess of Bath in conversation (4395241) 4.05 Birds with Tony Soper (3609357) 4.25 Daisies In December (TVM 1995) A librarian falls for a standoffish stock-broker during a holiday in Comwall With

Jean Simmons and Joss Ackland. Directed by Mark Haber (T) (53360244) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation A rescue mission leads to a dangerous romance (r) (T) (944512)

6.45 Buffy the Vampire Slaver Xander has one of those days (T) (355999) 7.30 Tales from the Riverbank The lure of

the carp to the angler (r) (T) (74) 8.00 Battle of the Sexes How sexual hierarchies develop (T) (8135) 8.30 Home Front (11/12) (T) (4870) 9.00 Mersey Blues Murder Squad arrange an

ID parade (T) (856425) 9.50 CHOICE Blood on the Carpet Insight into the controversial case of Joseph Jett (T) (600609) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (1) (140319)



The composer Pierre Boulez talks

11.15 CHOICE Pierre Boulez A Life in Seven Chapters The celebrated French composer-conductor in conversation (T) (868116)

11.55 Weather (311113) 12.00am Despatch Box (64487) 12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University: Sex and the Single Gene? 1.00 The Art of Breathing 1.30 Galapagos: Research in the Field 2.00 Mathematics — Math-sphere Edits: Algebra 4.00 Languages: The French Experience 5.00 Voluntary Matters — Selling Yourself 5.30 20 Steps to Better Management: Making the Most of Yourself 5.45 Open University Reindeer in the Arctic 6.10 Why Me? 6.35

SKY SPORTS 3

EUROSPORT\_

### HTV

5.30am ITN Morning News (17999) 6.00 GMTV (2012262) 9.25 Trisha (T) (5718067) 10.30 This Morning (T) (11815574) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7494203)

1.00 WEST: Next Stop Richard Wyatt, Polly Lloyd and correspondents review local news and events live from Watchet and Williton in Somerset (61999)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News: Weather (T)

1.00 WALES: Shortland Street makes a major mistake (61999) 1.30 Home and Away Tiegan and Joey split

up (T) (30628)

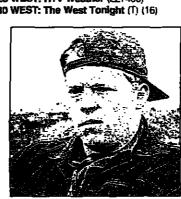
2.00 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous US talk show (T) (5136406) 2.45 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (400970)

3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (9307488) 3.20 HTV News (T) (6052311) 3.25 CITV: Mopetop's Shop (3707244) 3.35 Teddybears (3428425) 3.45 Jumanii (6369796) 4.10 Whizziwig (6534574)

4.40 Mad for It (2573338) 5.10 A Country Practice Tom, Harry, Kate and Anna go camping (9574135) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weather (T)

5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (693390) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (971680) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight; Weather (T) (825048)

6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (227406) 6.30 WEST: The West Tonight (1) (16)



Butch (Paul Loughran) learns the upsetting truth about Belle (7pm)

7.00 Emmerdale Turner introduces the new bar manager and Butch Dingle discovers that Zak has been using Belle (T) (9241)
7.30 Coronation Street Natalie and Colin draw closer (T) (28)

8.00 Midsomer Murders The naked body of a young woman is found strangled in local woodland. Starring John Nettles, Daniel Casey, Phyllis Logan and Trucke Styler (T) (8086)

10,00 News at Ten; Weather (T) (74574) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (862660) 10.40 The Big Match Highlights of tonignt's FA

Cup fourth-round replays (47359048)

12.15am True Identify (1991) Lenry Henry stars as a struggling actor who disguises himself as a white man to escape the clutches of the Malia. Directed by Charles Lane (302742)

1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (r) (1971891) 2.40 Masterclass With saxophone maestro Chris "Snake" Davis (1628452) 3.05 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (7838075)

4.10 The Making of Very Bad Things Feature on the comedy thriller starring Cameron Diaz (47265655)

4,40 ITV Nightscreen Behind the scenes of ITV programmes (83987636) 5.00 Coronation Street Shown earlier (r) (T)

### CENTRAL

As HTV West except 12.20-12.30pm

1.00 Echo Point 61999) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (1967796) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (418999) 3.20-3.25 Central News (6052311)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9574135) 6.25-7.00 Central News: Weather (625048) 10.30-10.40 Central News; Weather (862680) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (7629636)

### WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except 12.15-12.27pm Westcountry News; Weather

(7484203) 12.27-12.30 illuminations (8891154) 1.00 Emmerdale (61909)

1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (1987796) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (418999) 3.20-3.25 Westcountry News; Weather (6052311)

5.08 Birthday People (5669661) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9574135) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (16048) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Weather

### MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12.15pm-12.30 Meridian News: Weather (7484203) 1.00-1.35 Shortland Street (9251338) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (T) (9574135) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (T) (64) 6.30-7.00 Birdwatch (5/6) (T) (16) 10.30-10.40 Meridian News; Weather (T) (862680) 5.00am-5.30 Freescreen (T) (60278)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except. 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8895970) 12.20-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (8883135) 1.00-1.35 Shortland Street (9251338) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (T) (9574135) 5.59 Anglia Weather (T) (693390) 6.00 Anglia News (T) (64) 6.30-7.00 Whipsnade (2/13) (T) (16) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (137845) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News and Weather (T) (862680)

S4C Starts 6.00am Sesame Street (r) (47948864) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (34482628) 9.00 Yagolion: French Express (83443593) 9.25 Schools At Work (43789512) 9.30 Rat-e-Tat-Tat (94500999) 9.45 Book Box (94598154) 10.00 Stage Two Science (20902116) 10.15 All About Us (20925067) 10.30 The French Programme (69289951) 10.50 Stop, Look, Listen (21283222) 11.00 Dwr. Aer, Tir (9585064) 11.15 Tackling Technology (95873715) 11.30 Powerhouse (f) (40964609) 12.00pm Home Improvement (T) (29874222) 12.30 Sesame Street (T) (38429609) 1.00 Planed Plant (T) (34485715) 1.30 The Ocean World of John Stoneman (T) (66215135) 1.55 FILM: We're Not Married (T) (21228992) 3.30 Hampton Court Palace (T) (81317593) 4. 00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (81336628) 4.30 Dishes (T) (81325512) 5.00 Planed Plant (1) (64806203) 5.30 Countdown (1) (81316864) 6.00 Newyddion 6 (1) (54628086) 6.10 Heno (1) (16584593) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (1) (64826967) 7.30 Newyddion (1) (81326241) 8.00 Pfermio (1) (64835715) 8.30 Pacio (T) (64814222) 9.00 ER (T) (69666785) 10.00 Brookside (T) (60516932) 10.35 Sex and the City (T) (56923970) 11.05 Sex and the City (T) (67764154) 11.35 The Mark Thomas Comedy Product (T) (63876425) 12.05am Music of the Millennium (T) (33512471) 12.55 Football Italia: Mezzanotte (19497075) 3.20 Trans World Sport (64360297) 4.20 Diwedd

### CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (80357)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (T) (59154) 9.00 Schools: French Express (4159592) 9.25 Schools at Work (6461154) 9.30 9.25 Schools 2: Work (5461154) 9.30
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(1278593) 10.00 Stage Two Science
(9414406) 10.15 All About Us (9437357)
10.30 Channel Hopping (7237154) 10.50
Stop, Look, Listen (3960222) 11.00 First
Edition: Vi (8553203) 11.15 Tackling

Technology (8576154)
11.38 Powerhouse (T) (1067) 12,00pm Sesame Street /Tr (81965) 12.30 Bewitched tri (Ti (39999)

1.00 Pet Rescue The work of RSPCA centres (T) (52241)

1.30 Roots to Success (13902593) 1.50 The Feminine Touch (1956) A student nurse talls for a handsome doctor, but finds herself forn between continuing her

training or going to Canada with him. Romantic drama, starting George Baker Directed by Pat Jackson (T) (46851864)

3.30 Hampton Court Palace (T) (22) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (57) 4.30 Countdown (T) (5236574)

4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (3890777) 5.30 Pet Rescue A pregnant cat poses a problem (T) (93)

6.00 Late Lunch with Mei and Sue Richard

E Grant joins Sue Perkins and Me Giedroyc (T) (95690) 7.00 Channel 4 News: Weather (T) (249999) 7.55 Music of the Millennium Shane

MacGowan (T) (130951) 8.00 Brookside Niamh evens the score with Benny (T) (3203)

8.30 The Real Holiday Show Holiday-makers seek the ultimate high, from a flight across Africa, to a spintually kening trip to Barbados and a Sri Lankan adventure (T) (2338)



Dr Greene (Anthony Edwards) shows Lucy (Kellie Martin) the ropes (9pm)

9.00 ER The long-awarted new senes of the medical drama sees a third-year student put through her paces in the thick of things (f) (2048)

10.00 CHOICE Sex and the City New comedy series set in New York, about a group of women friends who resolve to take a tresh look at their

10.30 Sex and the City Came dates a hunk (T) (81864)

11,00 Mark Thomas Comedy Product Topical comical observations (T) (2319) 11.30 Music of the Millennium (T) (230319) 12.25am boardstupid goes skiing The third round of the World Downhill (1) (6296926) 12.55 Footbali Italia: Mezzanotte Round-up of the week's action (13105617) 3.20 Trans World Sport (9549094)

4.20 What a Crazy World (1963) Joe Brown stars as an aspining rock star desperale for fame and fortune Comedy musical, with Susan Maughan Directed by Michael Carreras (3072636)

### CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News and Sport With Eecky Anderson (6832574)

(6207715) 7.30 Milkshake! (7094929) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r) (3452241)

8.30 Dappledown Farm (r), 5 News Update

9.00 Hot Property (1) (T) (1927222)

9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6305777) 10.20 Sunset Beach Gregory duestions Sen about Maria (T) (1305970)

11.10 Leeza (4714593)

refuses to see Dylan (T) (6206086) 1.30 The Roseanne Show Entertainment chall show, presented by outspoken comedian, 5 News Update (9256319) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5402048)

Suganne Pleshette Directed by George Stanford Brown (9032390)

5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T), 5 News Update (6243311)

6.30 Family Affairs The day of the funeral

dawns (T) (6643845) 7.00 5 News; Weather (T) (5406864)

Updale (1594086) 9.00 Triple Cross (TVM 1995) A mamed comfortable lives turned upside down by an ageing FBI agent determined to catch Patrick Bergin, Ashley Laurence and Billy Dee Williams Directed by Wilham

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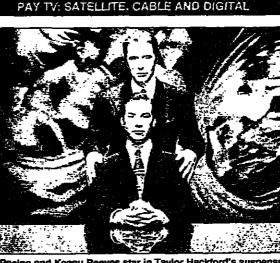
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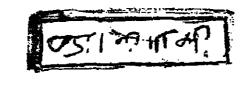
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3 1999

Hoddle's departure leaves FA technical director in temporary charge of England

# Wilkinson picks up the pieces Remarks made

By Rob Hughes, Chief sports writer

IN THE modern world of football, covering 203 nations. there must be a managerial departure a day. But never could there have been one so strange, or in the end so tinged with decency, as the removal of Glenn Hoddle after his words that caused such offence to the disabled. May the karma and the football man never be linked again.

You may rest assured that. for as long or as short as he is given, Howard Wilkinson will not bring a faith healer, a spiritualist or anyone so remotely unexpected into the England camp. "I feel like a potato in a microwave, being well and tru-ly cooked from all angles, get-ting hotter and hotter," Wilkinson said seven years ago. when he was the manager of Leeds United and the chairman of the League Managers'

He spoke of dealing in the heat of the spotlight with players, supporters, referees, directors ... He may have only and the media. But this outwardly dour the France Yorkshireman, as tough as grit and yet game to sensitive to criticism and to the thoughts make his of others, will not stray into such a monumental error mark? that has just vacated

the post to him. match against France at Wembley a week today to make his mark: he may not want more, he may not be granted more. It must be assumed that Wilkinson, the Football Association's technical director, is now the third "acting" official in high capacity at Lancaster Gate.

Not that the incumbents are in a position to be mocked this morning. Their situation io nave taxed the wisdom of Job. given the stubbornness with which Hoddle defended and at first denied — the statement that ultimately led to his downfall.

However, when David Davies, the acting chief executive of the FA, naused last night to say that the hurt felt by Hoddle and his employers was "as nothing to any offence felt by the disabled people in our

the "new" FA misconstrued the depth of feeling throughout the country, from Parliament

Football thus has a chance to repair the damage, to move closer to the people it serves, and the action starts in the capable - the cliché says safe hands of Wilkinson.

We may find, as the microphones are thrust before him, that the bewilderment that lingers from Eric Cantona's seagulls following the trawer conundrum are crystal clear compared with the philosophical maze that Wilkinson, on his day, can construct. It may not even be heard in English. "Nil illegitimi carborundum" was Wilkinson's compassionate telephoned message to John Beck when he was struggling as manager of Cam-bridge United. Beck is not the scholar that Wilkinson, 55,

made himself, and so he had to explain: "Don't let the bastards grind you down." His education

through force of will, through attending Sheffield University to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree while being player-man-ager of Boston United — all this

He may have only the because in his own estimation, he was "a bricklayer's labourer" of a player when he led the attack for, briefly, Sheffield Wednesday and then Brighton and Hove Albion. He used his education to teach at a grammar school for two years and then, having reached the status of FA regional coach by 1980, joined Notts County, where Jimmy Sirrel, the canniest of Scottish managers, predicted that his young

would one day coach England.

Wilkinson's great triumph. his meticulous and dogged period in charge of Leeds United, was the making of his managerial name. He followed Brian Clough, Jimmy Armfield, Jock Stein, Allan Clarke, Eddie Gray and Billy Bremner through the revolving door at Elland Road and, in tandem with Leslie Silver, the chaircountry", let no one say that man, achieved what all of

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Better times: Wilkinson, left, who takes over the England team from Hoddle for the game with France, on being appointed FA technical director

them could not. He hauled Leeds from the brink of the old third division to the championship of England, he restored the club's fortunes, he bolted it onto the community and he built a youth production line that David O'Leary is now ben-

After he was dismissed by a new board he reluctantly took the job of challenging the biggest divide in English football, of breaking the mistrust that had grown between the FA under his dogmatic predecessor. Charles Hughes, and the schools. That job, despite Wilkinson's pioneering schools of excellence programme, is anything but complete. Three decades of poor dogma, of lamentable atEnglish football to the long-ball game, will not be erased overnight. Some say that Wilkinson is himself a disciple of the long-ball game. He resents that as an insult to his intelligence, and he is an educat-

This, indeed, might be the difference between Hoddle and Wilkinson. Hoddle went to school, but never had to doubt that he would be a player, and a great one at that. He never doubted his superiority. sense, he was from a different

planet to the English. Wilkinson has been down where average players have to work, to perspire to make the impression. Yet. though he is patently given to tempts to consign the whole of mixing the four-letter word with the scholastic, he chastised the media on his first day as the manager of Leeds in 1988 with this homily: "Anyone can intellectualise about what is aesthetically acceptable football. If I had the world's best XI, I'd tell them to

End of the road. Simon Barnes. Oliver Holt. Gifts and gaffes.

go out, play, win 28-0 ... and

do it nicely. Because he is the thinking man's artisan, because he relishes his grasp of French and northern English, because Howard Wilkinson never assumed that things happened

by accident, he will have been preparing - from the moment that The Times landed on his doormat last Saturday morning -- how he might plot the downfall of France at Wernbley should the challenge be offered him. It now has been. and the Yorkshire seaguil has

the trawler in its sights. What may come as a blessed relief is that Wilkinson, miner's son to football manager of the moment, has no false illusions about who, or what, he is. "We are football managers, nothing else." he has said. "We are not clergymen, not nurse maids, not policemen or social workers. We look after players, and some managers in England once recognised that an increase in physical input

position untenable IN THE end, there was no

shock or surprise. Football had braced itself for the departure of Glenn Hoddle from the moment that the England coach's words appeared in The Times.

Èven his closest colleagues in football had no sympathy for a man whom they regarded highly as both player and coach.

Terry Neill, who gave Hoddle his debut with Tottenham Hotspur, put it simply: "He screwed up. As a person, he comes across as a

"I always found Glenn a nice individual, though I didn't always agreed with his views on life. It is probably — for Glenn and for English football — the right decision."

Graham Kelly, the former chief executive of the Football Association, summed up the

### REACTION

reason Hoddle fell from grace: "I am very sad that a few incautious words forced him to have to leave his job. I feel for the people who have been upset by this. The disabled were let down by

what Glenn allegedly said. "But I am also sad that Glenn Hoddle has had to leave his job. He didn't feel that he had done anything wrong, but clearly the FA decided this was the best way

to go."
David Mellor, the chairman of the Football Task Force and one of Hoddle's biggest critics, said that "English football was being dragged down by

"I take no pleasure in the demise of Glenn Hoddle, but I do not think he gave the FA any choice. His personal beliefs have become

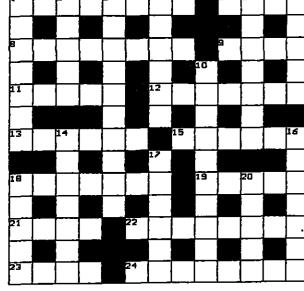
inextricably linked with his For Gordon Taylor, the chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, the players' union, the question

of Hoddle's departure from the England job was not a matter for debate - only the timing was at issue. He said: "I would have been surprised if he had still been in the

KEVIN EASON



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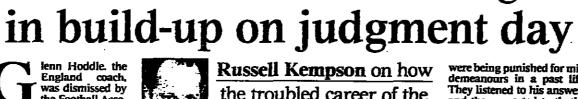
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the Football Association last night - only the second manager of national team to lose his job in such a manner. After a day of meetings, and discussions and negotiations between FA officials and Hoddle and his advisers, the termination of his contract was announced by David Davies, an executive director

of the FA, at 6.55pm. Davies read from a statement and would not take questions. He said: "After more than 24 hours of meetings and discussions, it has become apparent to all concerned that this was the right decision for England. The FA and Glenn Hoddle have agreed to terminate Glenn's contract. The position had

become untenable. "He accepts that he made an error of judgment and he has apologised. It has been painful for everyone over the past few days but that is nothing compared to the offence caused to disabled people. We accept that this wasn't Glenn's intent"

At that moment, Davies was interrupted by a fan. Roach, near Hammersmith. wearing a Liverpool away shirt, who had speaked into and the crowd of photograthe room. "We want Hoddle phers, television cameramen out," he shouted, before beand reporters flocked to-



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FA offers farce and intrigue

ing wrestled to the ground by security staff and taken

moved by the incident, went on: "Sorry about that short intermission." He added: "Glenn has served the team with dedication and loyalty but eventually all parties agreed that this was the best way forward."

It had been a day of intrigue, at times almost farcical, as the media representatives hurried between No 16 Lancaster Gate, the FA headquarters, and the nearby Park Court Hotel. The Fifa fair-play flag

fluttered from the FA building in the breeze as fair play, at some discreet location, was decided. At 150pm Hoddle bad

England? been spotted leaving the offices of his agent. Dennis

wards the door of No 16. "Mr Hoddle will not be coming here," an FA minion said, laughing at the disappointment on the faces of the

The journalists at the Park Court, hoping to catch a word from or at least a glimpse of members of the sub-committee that

Hoddle's <sup>6</sup>This was were not amused. Representathe right tives of the subcommittee - comdecision Noel prising White, a director of Liverpool and the chairman of

the FA's international committee. David Dein, vicechairman of Arsenal. Geoff Thompson, the acting FA chairman, Dave Richards, the Sheffield Wednesday chairman, and Davies were believed to have met

They listened to his answers and then reported to the international committee yesterday. It was the sub-committee that had met after the World Cup finals, to agree with Hoddle a pay rise of £100,000 to £350,000-a-year. Once the committee had di-

ested Hoddle's words it is believed to have met again yesterday morning. It then reported to the international committee, which acted on recommendations. The size of Hoddle's compensation for the remaining 1/2 decide years on his contract — un-derstood to be in the region would of £500,000 — would also

have been discussed. Davies finally arrived shortly before 7pm, looking tense. It was he who ghosted Hoddle's book - Glenn Hoddle. My 1998 World Cup Story - and it was he who had to make the final pronouncement. "Howard Wilkinson will take charge for the game against France on February 10," he conclud-

So ended a momentous day in the history of the Foot-Association. In little more than six weeks, it had Hoddle on Monday night. lost Keith Wiseman, its chair-Their brief was to ask him man, Kelly, its chief execufor his explanation of why he said that disabled people team manager.

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